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THE SITUATION APPEARED CONFUSED LAST NIGHT AS FRENCH TROOPS, TAKING ADVANTAGE OF EVERY NATURAL OBSTACLE, WERE OPPOSING GERMAN ATTEMPTS TO PROGRESS SOUTH AND WEST.

Combats on a scale hitherto unknown to modern warfare are taking place in the Landrecies-La Fere region where French and German units, are penetrating behind each other's lines and wild fluctuations occur.

La Fere is in the Oise Valley due South of St. Quentin.

On the whole of the front the French are launching numerous local counter-attacks and many successes have been scored.

In Belgium, Allied troops continue a large withdrawal movement which is being effected with success.

Furious fighting is going on on the central front, that is the 30-

mile line between La Fere and Landrecies. German tanks, supported by artillery and planes, are attacking in constant successive waves.

The Germans have succeeded in making a slight opening through which a few motorised elements reached St. Quentin.

Around Landrecies the battle is taking place in thick woods which offer good positions against tanks.

The fall of Peronne is denied.

Maubeuge Doubts

Little information is available on the situation in the Maubeuge region, but it is feared the old forts defending the passage of the Sambre, which have not been modernised since 1914, will not be able to offer as good resistance as Namur and Liege.—Havas.

Germans Claim Important Advance; French Denial

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. The German claim to have broken through the French positions round St. Quentin and to be within 30 miles of Amiens is stated in French military quarters to be without foundation.—Havas.

Fighting North-East Of St. Quentin

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. A General Staff communiqué says fighting is taking place north-east of St. Quentin where our troops are resisting energetically.

Violent enemy attacks in the Montmedy region were repulsed after the Germans had suffered heavy losses.

There is great activity in the air, our fighters and guns inflicting very heavy losses on the enemy. In one particular case 10 out of a squadron of 15 planes were shot down.—Havas.

TREACHERY IN FALL OF ROTTERDAM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

"It was by treachery that the Germans succeeded in gaining access to Rotterdam," declares a communiqué issued by the Dutch Legation here on the events which preceded the capitulation of the Netherlands army.

"A German unit approached a bridge leading to Rotterdam under the command of an officer speaking perfect Dutch.

"The officer declared they were relieving troops on duty, and the Germans suddenly opened fire, killing the Dutch guards who took them for compatriots.

"These methods turned the flood zone.

No Alternative

"The Commander-in-Chief had no alternative but to stop the fighting following the destruction of one-third of Rotterdam, knowing a similar fate lay in store for other open cities.

"One army's losses, as already mentioned, were about 25 per cent. of the total. The Dutch air force was practically annihilated.

"The Grenadiers Regiment, entrusted with the Queen's safety, lost 85 per cent. of its men."—Havas.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

GENERAL WEYGAND'S SELECTION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The appointment of General Maxime Weygand as Allied Chief of General Staff and Commander-in-Chief on all fields of operations followed a conference of over an hour between President Lebrun, M. Reynaud, Marshal Petain and General Weygand, after which President Lebrun signed a decree announcing the appointment.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North-east winds, moderate to light; cloudy and misty generally.

DESTRUCTION OF HAMBURG'S OIL TANKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Great importance is attached here to the destruction of the oil tanks at Hamburg, which contained a great part of Germany's oil supply.

Military circles are elated at the efficient work of the R.A.F. in co-operation with the French air force.—Havas.

DIRECT HITS ON OIL DUMP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Direct hits on the big fuel reserve tanks at Hanover were scored by the R.A.F. in a massive air raid last night.

Huge fires were started and the city was covered with thick black smoke rising from the burning tanks.—Havas.

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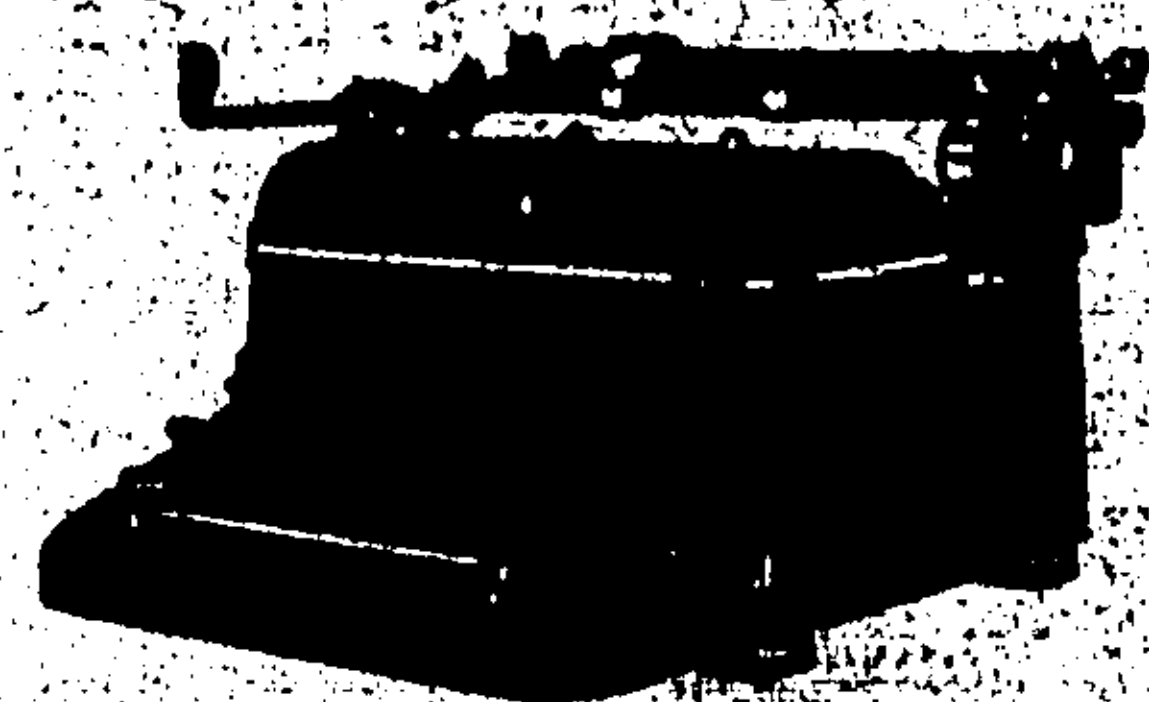
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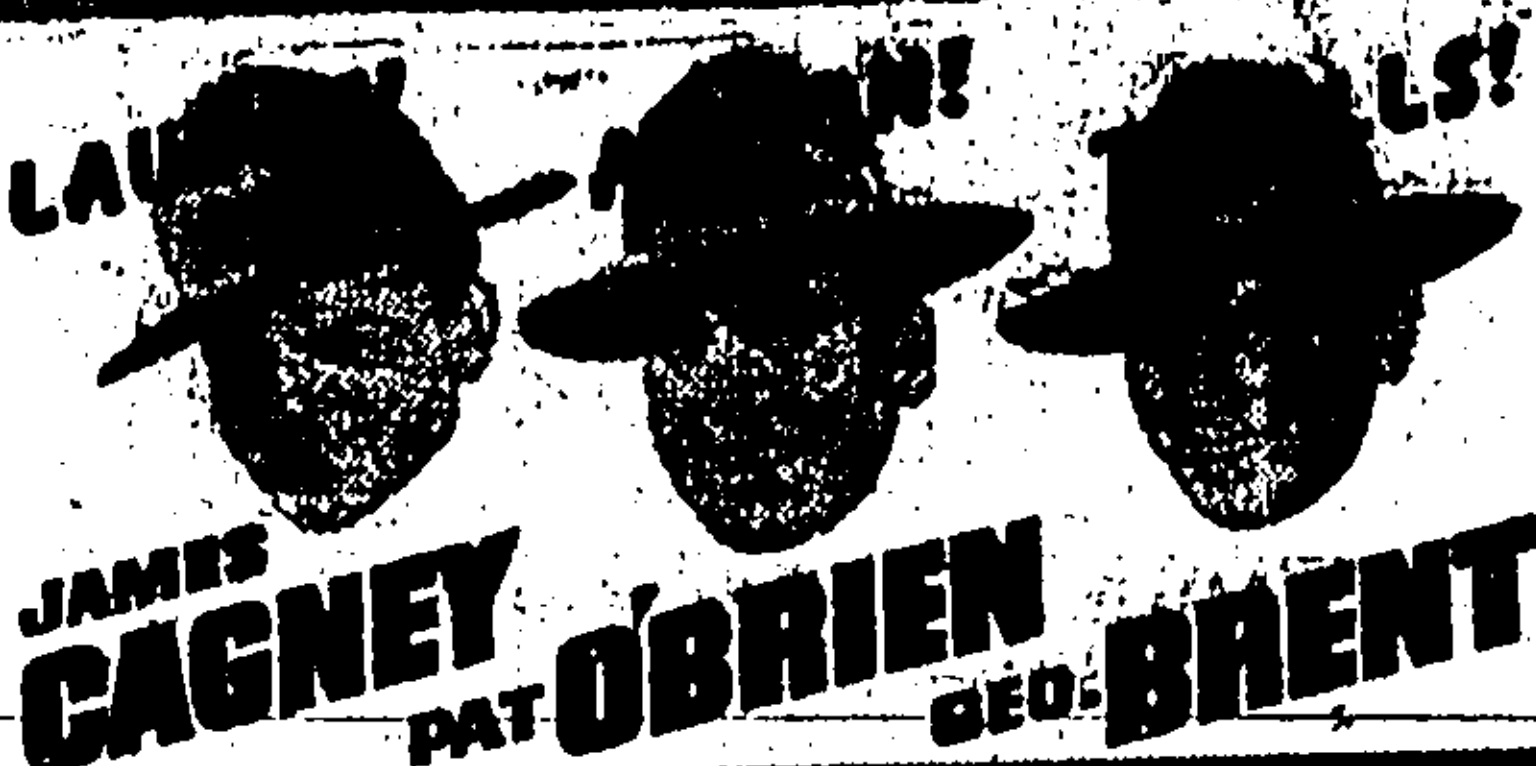
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JAPANESE CHAIN GANGS IN SOUTH

CHAIN-GANGS, of some 20,000 Chinese, conscripted from Japanese "occupied" Canton, Nam Hoi, Shun Tak and Sun Wui, are being employed by the Japanese military to reconstruct the 75-mile highway and railway between Nanning and Yamchow, according to a group of conscripts who escaped and arrived in the Colony on Saturday from Kwongchowwan.

The men related how in December they were conveyed in transports from Canton to Hoihow, on Hainan Island, and later to Lung Mun off the south-west coast of Kwangtung Province.

Together with a large number of others who were rounded up by the Japanese in different towns around Canton, they were forced to march to Yamchow where they were compelled to reconstruct the railway and highway, which the Chinese troops destroyed before withdrawing, between Yamchow and Nanning.

Under constant surveillance of armed Japanese guards, they worked day and night at stretches of between 12 and 16 hours. The food supplied was poor and they had to sleep in the open.

Many Clubbed To Death

They estimate the number of conscript labourers working on the two projects to be about 20,000.

Many were clubbed to death by the Japanese guards who freely used the butts of their rifles on the workers.

One night in March they escaped, and, after travelling a month over hills, mountains and rivers, they crossed the border into French territory where they were cared for by relief organisations and later sent to Kwongchowwan.

Originally, there were about 50 in the group. The remainder stayed in Kwongchowwan while the group of 20 odd were sent to Hong Kong for repatriation back to their villages.

It is understood that the men have been admitted to the Refugee Camps in Kowloon.

ATTEMPT TO BOMB REFUGEE SHIP

London, To-day.

A German aircraft which attempted to bomb a steamer carrying over 700 refugees to England from Belgium was shot down in flames by anti-aircraft fire from the ship.

The story of the attack and the bringing down of the raider which took place early Saturday evening, when the steamer was in the North Sea, was told yesterday when the refugees, the majority of whom were women and children, landed at a Channel port.

Two planes attacked the steamer and five bombs were dropped.

All fortunately missed their mark.

The gun on the steamer fired many rounds and one of the bombers was seen to be hit when at about a thousand feet. The plane burst into flames and crashed into sea. The second machine then turned tail.—British Wireless.

BELGIAN RED CROSS FUND

The Hongkong Belgian Residents and the friends of Belgium have, certainly, realized the great needs and hardships Belgium is suffering as a result of the unprovoked German aggression.

A fund has been opened in Hongkong, at the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger, (E.O.) under the name of Belgian Red Cross Fund, in order to try and collect donations to be remitted to that organization, as has been done in Shanghai by the Belgian Embassy.

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TO-MORROW: "LITTLE WOMEN"

P.W.D. FOREMEN CHARGED WITH RECEIVING BRIBE

TWO FOREMEN, LI SING-SAM and Li Yan-wah, employed by the Public Works Department to supervise concrete work at Pokfulam reservoir were this morning charged at the Supreme Court before Sir Atholl MacGregor, with obtaining a bribe of \$20, while a public servant, from Chu-san, a sub-contractor on the job, on April 17.

Mr. J. P. Murphy, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector O'Donovan, conducted the case for the prosecution.

The jury was composed of Messrs E. L. Hosie (foreman), Lai Iu-kou, Kwong Hok-ju, Ip Kwai-cheung, Pun Shek-chun, F. G. M. da Costa and G. R. Horridge.

Mr. Murphy said that strict regulations had to be observed during the laying of concrete work, which had to be supervised by the Public Works Department. The two accused were appointed.

On March 11, the accused approached Chu-san and asked him to pay them \$20 monthly failing which they would come late to work and thus hinder the progress of the work. Chu replied that \$40 a month was a lot of money to him and did not pay them. On the following day, they turned up at 9 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. and left at 3.30 p.m. instead of 5 p.m.

AGAIN ASKED

On the following day he was again asked for money if he wished them to come to work at the proper time and Chu promised to pay them. On March 14 first accused, asked for the money, and at about 7 p.m. Chu paid him \$20 and he handed \$10 to second accused.

On March 27, Chu paid another \$20, from which second accused also received \$10.

On April 10 accused approached Chu and threatened to delay the work by arriving late and on the following two days did arrive late each morning. On April 13, accused refused to allow concrete to be laid and work was only resumed at 1 p.m. while accused left at 3.30 p.m.

The following day, accused again arrived late and said that no concrete would be permitted to be laid until payment was made.

Chu San then consulted his solicitors, who informed the police.

On instructions, two Chinese detectives went to Chu's matshed. Chu was given four marked \$10 bills. Shortly after noon, first accused came into the shed and was handed \$20. The same amount was handed to second accused. They were then arrested.

VOLUNTARY STATEMENTS

At the station, when charged, they made voluntary statements. First accused said the money he received was a loan and not a bribe, while the second said that it came as a surprise when he received the money.

Mr. Murphy said the Crown's case was that both accused received the money as a bribe and were guilty of the offence. Chu, in admitting giving a bribe, was an accomplice and he asked the jury not to convict on his evidence alone. There would, however, be the evidence of the detectives and others, and there would be sufficient corroboration for a conviction.

Mr. R. H. Woodman, P.W.D. Engineer said accused were employed as foremen at Pokfulam reservoir works. Work started on December 1. There was a penalty clause in the contract but that was between the Government and the principal contractor and had nothing to do with the sub-contractor. He did not know if there was any such clause between the two contractors.

The hours of work of accused were generally between 7.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. with an interval for tiffin. The hours of work might vary as the mixing of concrete had to be finished. If there was not sufficient time for a new mixing, work was not started. Whenever he visited the job, accused were on the site.

The case is proceeding.

B. AND S. MASTER FINED

Captain R. Allinson, master of the s.s. Kiangsu, was fined \$600, or six months' imprisonment, by Commander G. F. Hole, Harbour Master, at the Marine Court this morning for having an excess of 348 passengers in the ship on April 24.

Defendant was originally summoned for carrying an excess of 562 passengers, but the number was amended to 348 following consultation of the Passenger Certificate, issued by the Harbour Department on April 19, allowing the ship to carry 730 passengers.

On arrival here it was found that there were 1,078 passengers in the ship.

Defendant pleaded guilty, and speaking on behalf of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire owners of the ship, Mr. M. M. Watson, solicitor, stated that the company was responsible for the offence.

SWATOW AGENTS BLAMED

He said that the agents in Swatow accepted excess bookings for Hong Kong, and when the ship arrived from Shanghai at Swatow the master of the ship had no alternative but to accept the passengers.

"The only deficiency was in the number of life-belts, the life-boats were sufficient," said Mr. Watson.

Mr. Watson indicated that the company would be responsible for the fine imposed.

PETAİN'S ENTRY INTO CABINET

Istanbul, To-day.

The entry of Marshal Petain into the French Cabinet is cordially welcomed in the Turkish press which recalls his famous order at Verdun and generally expresses the opinion that the halting of the present German offensive would mean the end of the blitzkrieg.

It is declared here that the Nazi regime cannot survive the slightest defeat.—Reuter.

ARMY TO FIGHT THE FIFTH COLUMN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Over 100,000 men over military age or in reserved occupations have volunteered for the anti-parachutist defence units.

It is revealed that Fifth Columnists rounded up in Belgium were found spreading newspapers on the ground as a signal to German pilots.—Havas.

NEW POST FOR GEN. GAMELIN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is understood that General Gamelin will receive another high army appointment.—Havas.

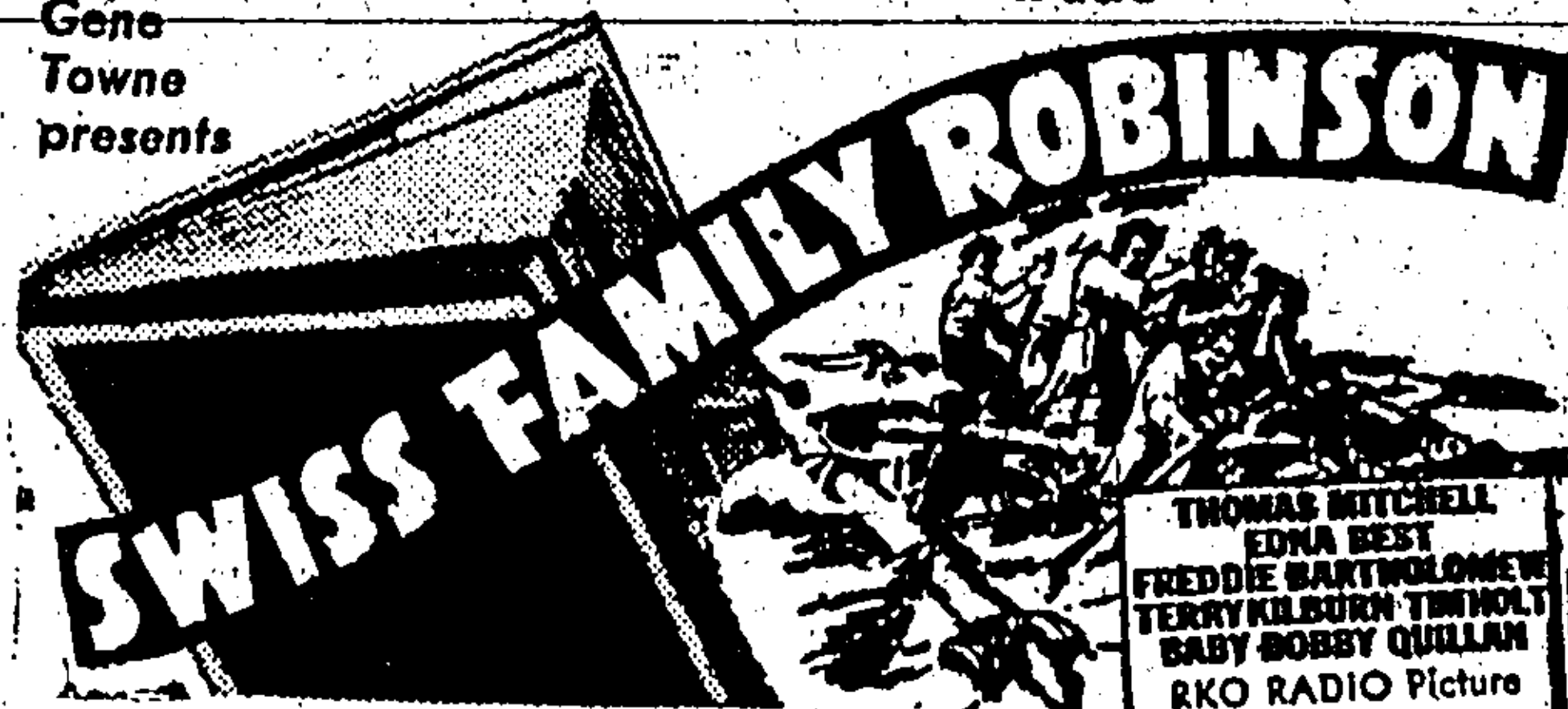
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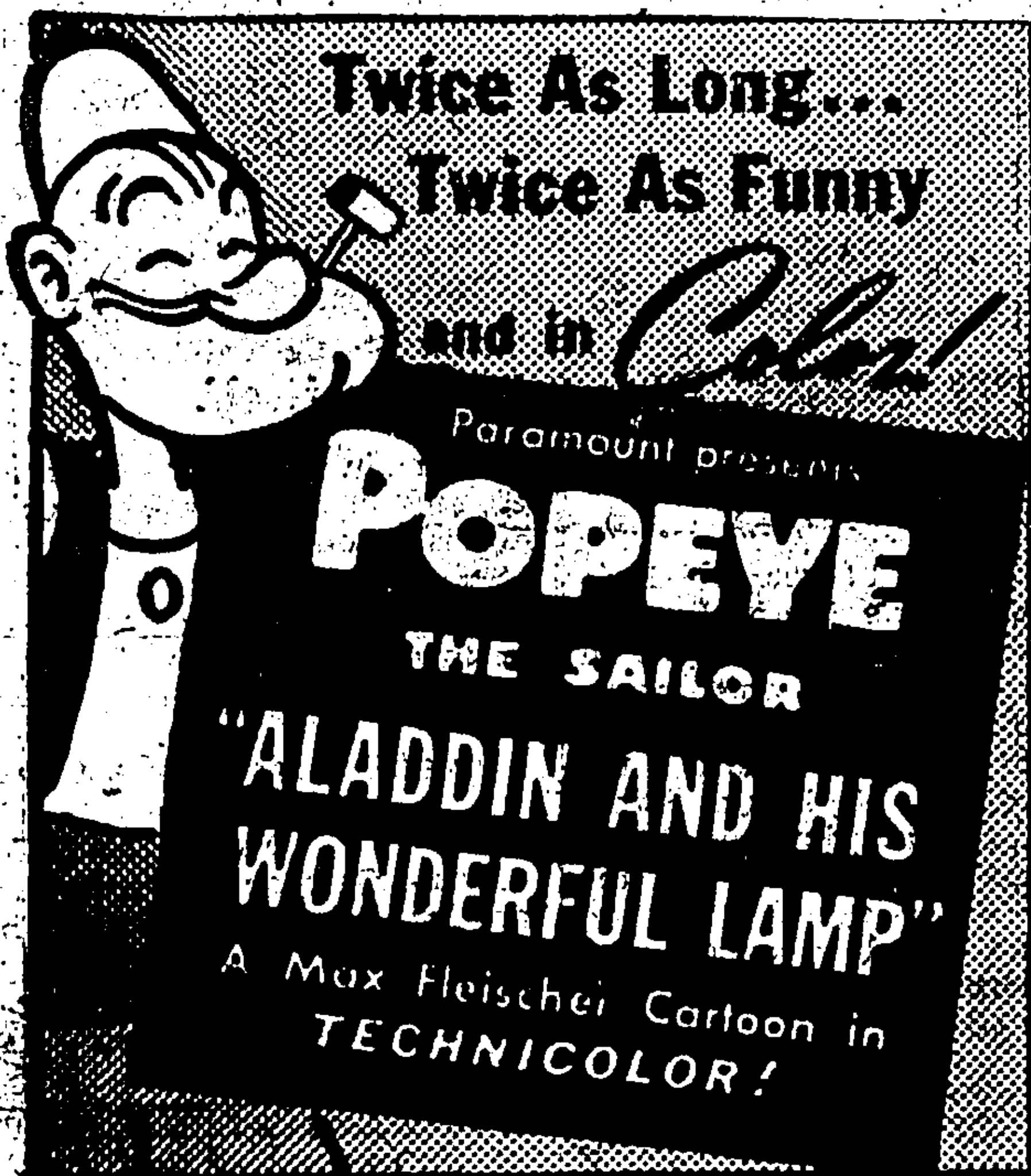
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UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO RECONSTRUCTION

Washington, To-day.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE, Mr. Cordell Hull, broadcasting on the occasion of foreign trade week, read a message from President Roosevelt declaring that hopes for future world peace depended on the adoption of liberal economic policies.

Promotion of such policies would continue to be a vital part of the foreign policy of the United States. Thus alone could the United States contribute to economic reconstruction when the destruction now in progress ceased.

Mr. Cordell Hull warned that if the doctrines of totalitarian autarchy so ominously spreading to-day became widely dominant in international trade relations, mankind would be plunged into chaos and impoverishment.

Referring to the dislocating effects of the war on United States commerce and agriculture, Mr. Hull said the difficulties provided unanswerable refutation of those who assert the country could isolate itself and prosper.

America must contribute towards the establishment of a stable peace and orderly international relations. The country must increase its strength and make itself safe against an armed challenge.—Reuter.

RAID ON HOUSE IN PILKIN STREET

Allegations that a 31-year-old Portuguese woman, Mrs. Maria Ribeiro, was a brothel-keeper, were made at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

Sub-Inspector Kellet raided the ground floor of No. 43, Pilkim Street at 11:40 p.m. on Saturday and found "two men and two women" in the premises.

Mrs. Ribeiro failed to appear in Court this morning and had her bail of \$20 estreated.

FALL OF NARVIK IMMINENT

London, To-day.

The Allied attack on Narvik is progressing speedily. The town is being shelled from the sea and land, and it is believed that only a small number of Germans are in the town itself.

The main forces are south of Rombak and on the railway leading to the Swedish frontier.

The land shelling is being carried out by Polish troops, which occupied the town on the other side of the harbour and are using howitzers.—Reuter.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Near Narvik, To-day.

Every German shore battery and machine-gun nest at Narvik has been destroyed, and those Germans who are still in the town are trying to slip away and reach Sweden.—Reuter.

HOLY SEE CONCESSION TO IL DUCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The Vatican newspaper "Osservatore Romano" appeared yesterday without any comment on the political situation. The paper devoted all its columns to political problems.

Foreign observers consider the Holy See is making a concession to keep good relations with the Italian Government. It is recalled that several entire issues of the paper were bought out by the Fascist authorities.—Havas.

AMERICAN SENT FOR DETENTION

AN AMERICAN SEAMAN, WILLIAM LAWSON SMYLY, WAS CHARGED BEFORE MR. E. HIMSWORTH THIS MORNING WITH ENTERING THE COLONY WITHOUT A VALID PASSPORT, AND WITH BEING A VAGRANT.

Pleading guilty, Smyly was sent to House for Detention and ordered to be expelled.

Sub-Inspector Johnson said that at 10 a.m. yesterday accused was seen under the influence of drink in Canton Road by Sergeant Farquhar. He was taken to the station.

It was later discovered that accused had missed his ship, which had sailed the previous day.

The American Consulate and agents, American President Lines, Ltd. when informed, said they were fed up with "missing seamen."

EUROPEAN BITTEN

Mr. F. A. Fowler was treated at the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, after he had been bitten by a dog owned by Mr. Dunnett. The animal was sent to Mataukok for observation.

Two Chinese women who took doses of caustic soda yesterday, were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

ITALY'S PLEDGE TO GERMANY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Milan, To-day.

Speaking before the famous Milan Cathedral yesterday, the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, declared: "The tasks to which the Italian people may eventually be called will be dictated by the necessity to protect the interests of the Italian sovereign state as well as by the obligation finally to achieve aims which are natural because they are equitable and indispensable for the life of a great nation."

"Italy is determined to maintain her prestige as a great power and to remain faithful to her obligations and her fate."

Recalling the Spanish and Abyssinian campaign, Count Ciano asserted Italy cannot remain aloof from European events, "in which Rome has a part to play and will play it."

He concluded by saying Italians must be ready to answer the Duce's call as the Duce was Italy's only chief in peace or time of war.—Havas.

POINTED REAFFIRMATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Count Ciano's speech yesterday, made before a crowd of over 250,000 is interpreted in Paris as pointed reaffirmation of Italy's loyalty to Germany.—Havas.

POLICE SERGEANT ON THE ALERT

Attracted by police whistles whilst travelling in a bus in Prince Edward Road on Saturday afternoon, Sergeant McDermott alighted and arrested a handbag snatcher after a long chase.

Before Mr. E. Himsforth this morning, the snatcher, Yeung Sau, 18, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and ten strokes. He was also ordered to be expelled from the Colony.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Mr. W. E. Hollands, of the P.W.D., was complainant at the Central Magistracy this morning, when Mak Yuen-kong, 19, unemployed, was charged with stealing a chicken from No. 64, Mount Parish.

At about 3 p.m. on Saturday, Mr. Hollands heard a noise at the back of his house and going out, saw defendant with chicken in his hand.

Sentence of three weeks' hard labour was imposed.

AMERICAN INJURED

Injuring his left hand while working on board a ship in harbour, an American seaman, Cecil Handley, was detained at the Queen Mary Hospital yesterday.

SNATCHING SENTENCE

Loo Ping-kwong, 17, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards to-day for snatching a handbag from Miss Wong Tuck-sing of No. 8, Yu Lam Terrace, in China Road yesterday.



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Analysis Of Situation On Western Front

AUSTRIA'S BETRAYER IN HOLLAND

Paris, To-day.

The official German news agency states Hitler has appointed Dr. Seyss-Inquart as Reich Commissioner for the occupied Dutch areas.

Seyss-Inquart was leader of the Nazis in Austria.

Hitler has also decreed the incorporation of the Belgian regions of Eupen, Malmédy and Moresnet in the German Reich.

The official Nazi news agency says Seyss-Inquart is charged with the task of "maintaining public order and public life in the Dutch district occupied by German troops."

"Under Hitler's direction, Seyss-Inquart will have supreme authority over the Dutch civilian population."

"Supreme military rights will continue to be exercised by the German military commander in the Netherlands who has the right to order any measures necessary for the execution of military order and security. Existing laws in the Netherlands remain in force as far as compatible with the occupation."—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, To-day.

A secret radio transmitter operated by a German has been seized by the Argentinian authorities at Campana, 50 miles north-west of Buenos Aires.

The authorities are also looking for another transmitter.—Reuter.

Blunt Spearhead Pointed Towards Paris

London, To-day.

THE "FIGHTING FRONT" now extends from about Montmedy to the Belgian coast. The German salient into France starts north of Montmedy and runs like a blunt spear-head towards Paris. The blunt point is near Laon, 75 miles north-east of Paris.

On the southern edge of the spear-head, the fighting has been unimportant. Although the Germans made some attacks, the French also engaged in local actions, re-taking several villages.

The northern edge, towards the Belgium frontier, runs roughly parallel with the Sambre.

The Germans say that they have crossed the Sambre and taken Le Cateau and Quentin. A French Army spokesman says that the area of main battle is 10 miles east of these two towns.

The Germans used both heavy and light tanks, aircraft and guns in this battle, but strong French resistance caused them heavy losses.

At one point, German dead are said to have formed a wall five feet high on Saturday. Over this "wall," the German tanks pursued their way.

Shoulder Holding

The drive towards St. Quentin was

made by a light mechanised detachment, of the type usually used for scouting. It was not very large and not very strong, and was checked by the French.

So far, the Sambre has formed the northern edge of the spearhead, and the French have been holding on to the shoulder at the forts of Maubeuge.

A French spokesman says that the position is uncertain in Maubeuge itself, but fighting is going on west of the forts.

The movement west and north across the Sambre valley may mean that the German drive has been diverted into an attempt to envelop the Allied troops in Belgium. This may be the reason why the Allied troops in Belgium have been withdrawing strategically.

Yesterday morning, British General Headquarters announced that the British front on Saturday held firmly in

TENSION RELAXED, ACCORDING TO BELGRADE

Belgrade, To-day.

Political circles here are much relieved at what is regarded here as a relaxation of the tension in the Mediterranean.

In well-informed quarters it is reported that the recent Yugo-Slav trade delegation to Moscow were told that the Soviet is interested in maintaining peace in the Balkans but do not offer military support.

This is interpreted as meaning the Soviet does not fear Italian aggression in the Balkans.—Reuter.

the face of strong enemy pressure.—Reuter.

Disposition In Depth

Paris, To-day.

Military observers here note that as time goes on the German bounds forward backed by heavy armoured columns have become steadily less, both in width and depth.

"Le Temps" military correspondent, a retired general, writes: "The situation is still serious but it is believed that the High Command has the necessary means to check the new enemy drive along the Oise Valley."

"Reliable indications allow us to think that a recovery is perfectly possible."

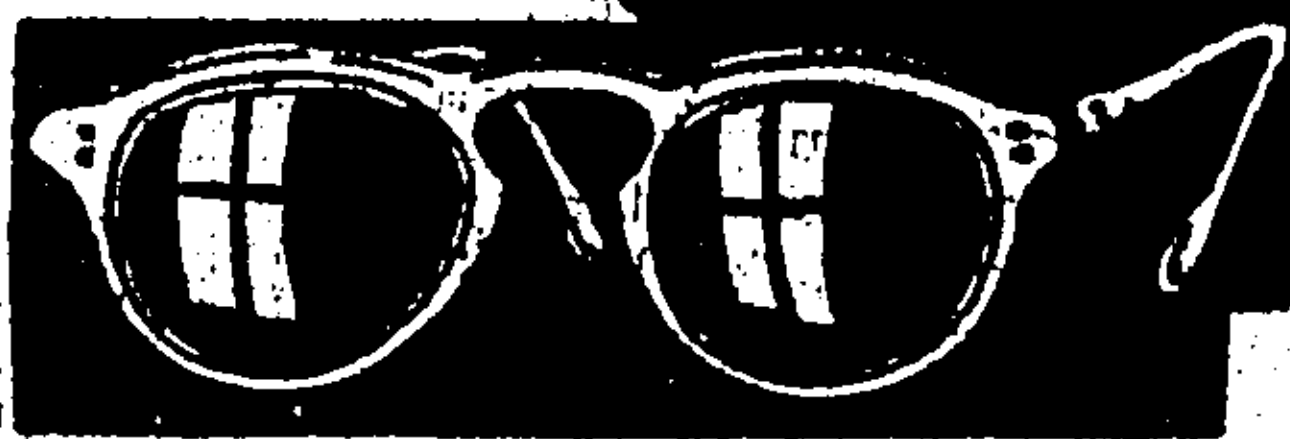
"The regrouping recently mentioned in French communiques has evidently enabled us to give our dispositions the depth which at first was lacking."

"The reserves must now cover and protect dangerous penetrations."—Reuter.

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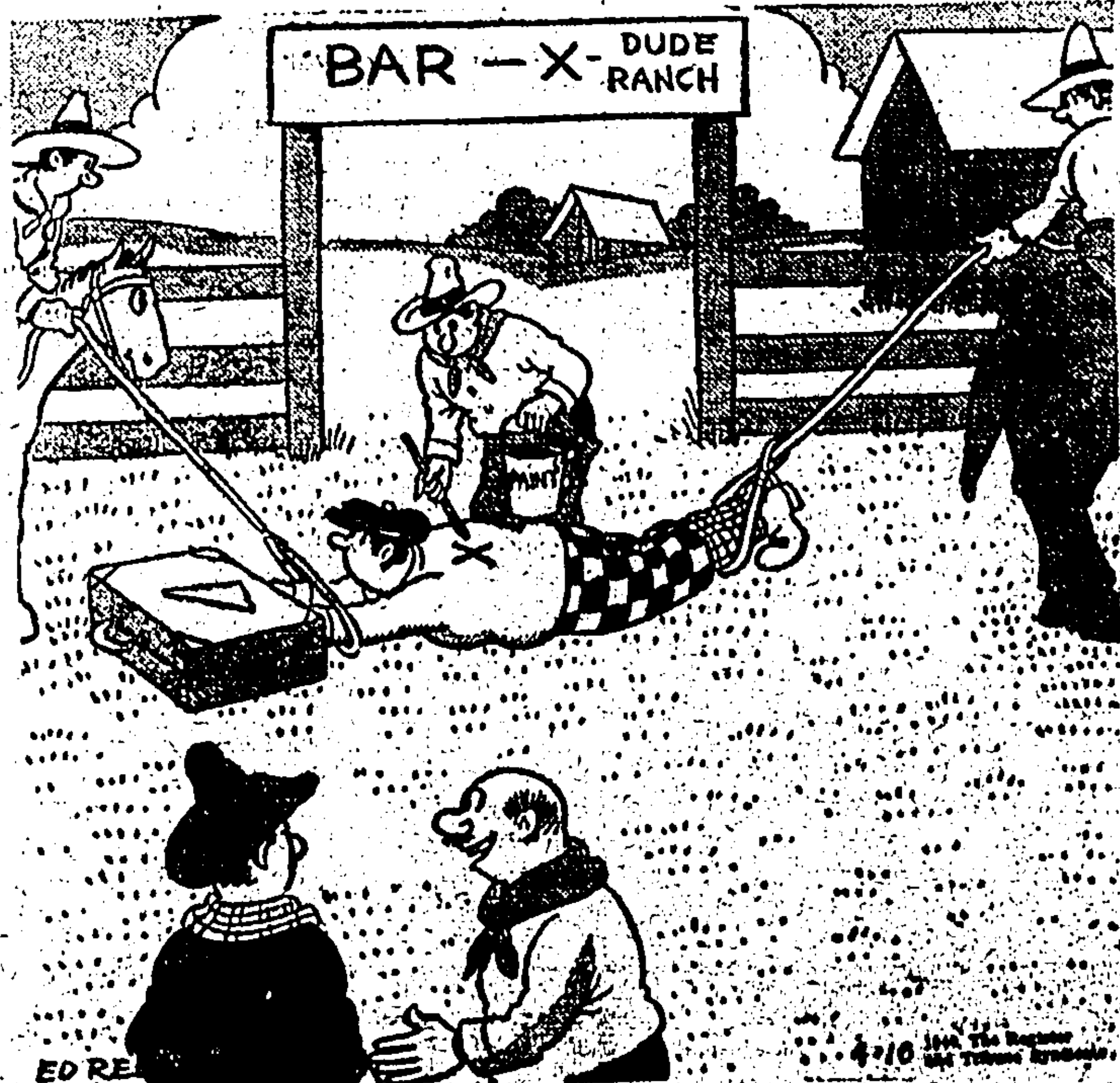
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LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, BROADCASTING AT 8 O'CLOCK LAST EVENING, SAID: "I SPEAK TO YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME AS PRIME MINISTER IN A SOLEMN HOUR IN THE LIFE OF OUR COUNTRY AND EMPIRE, OF OUR ALLIES AND, ABOVE ALL, IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM."

"A tremendous battle is raging in France and Flanders. The Germans, by a remarkable combination of air bombing and heavily armoured tanks, have broken through the French defences north of the Maginot Line, and strong columns of their armoured vehicles are ravaging open country which, for the first day or two, was without defenders."

"They have penetrated deeply and have spread alarm and confusion in their track. Behind, there are now pouring infantry in lorries, and behind them again, large masses are moving forward."

"The regroupment of the French armies to make a head against and also to strike at this intruding wedge, has been proceeding over several days, largely assisted by the magnificent feats of the R.A.F."

"We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated by the presence of these armoured vehicles in unexpected places behind our lines. If they are behind our front the French are also at many points fighting behind theirs."

Dangerous Positions

"Both sides are in extremely dangerous positions and if the French army and our own army are well handled, as I believe they will be, if the French retain that genius for recovery and counter-attack for which they have for so long been famous, and if the British army shows that dogged endurance in fighting power of which there have been so many examples in the past, then a sudden transformation of the scene might spring into being."

"It would be foolish, however, to disguise the gravity of the hour. It would be still more foolish to lose heart and courage or to suppose that well-trained and well-equipped armies numbering three to four millions, could be overcome within the space of a few weeks or even months by a scoop or raid of mechanised vehicles; however formidable."

"We may look forward, with confidence on the stabilisation of the front in France, and the general engagement of masses will enable the qualities of the British and French soldiers to be matched squarely against those of their adversaries."

Invincible Confidence

"For myself, I have an invincible confidence in the French army and its leaders. It is only a very small part that army that has yet been heavily engaged, and only a very small part of France has yet been invaded."

"There is good evidence to show that practically the whole of the specialised mechanised forces of the enemy have been already thrown into the battle, and we know heavy losses have been inflicted on them."

"No officer or man, no brigade or division, which grapples at close quarters with the enemy, wherever encountered, can fail to give a worthy contribution to the general results."

"Armies must cast away the idea of resisting an attack behind concrete lines or natural obstacles and must realise that mastery can only be regained by a furious, unrelenting assault."

"And this spirit must not only animate the High Command but must inspire every fighting man."

Odds In The Air

"In the air, even at serious odds hitherto thought overwhelming, we have been clawing down three or four to one of our enemies, and the relative balance of the British and German air force is now considerably more favourable to us than at the beginning of the war."

"In cutting down the German bombers we are fighting our own battles as well as those of France."

"My confidence in our ability to fight it out to a finish with the German air force has been strengthened by the fierce encounters which have taken place and are taking place."

"At the same time, our heavy bombers are striking at the tap-root of the German mechanised power. They have already inflicted serious damage upon oil refineries, upon which the Nazi effort to dominate the world directly depends."

Air Raids Expected

"We must expect that as soon as stability has been reached on the western front, the bulk of that force which gashed Holland into ruin and smoke in a few days, will be turned upon us."

"I am sure I speak for all when I say we are ready to face it, endure it and retaliate against it to any extent that the unwritten laws of war permit."

"There will be many men and women in this island who, when the ordeal comes upon them, as come it will, will feel comfort and even pride that they are sharing the perils of our lads at the front—soldiers, sailors and airmen, God bless them—and are drawing away from them a part at least of the onslaught they have to bear."

"Is not this the appointed time for all to make the utmost exertion in their power? If the battle is to be won we must provide our men with ever-increasing quantities of the weapons and ammunition they need."

Imperious Need

"We must have, and have more quickly, planes, tanks, shells and guns—there is an imperious need for these vital munitions."

"They increase our strength against a powerfully armed enemy and replace the wastage of an obstinate struggle, and the knowledge that the wastage will speedily be replaced enables us to draw more readily upon reserves and throw them in now, when everything means so much."

"Our task is not only to win the battle but to win the war. After this battle in France abates its force there will come a battle for our island, for all that Britain is and all that Britain means."

Supreme Emergency

"That will be the struggle; in that supreme emergency we shall not hesitate to take every step, even the most drastic, to call for the last inch of effort of which we are capable."

"The interest of property and hours of labour are nothing compared to the struggle for life and honour, for life and freedom, to which we have vowed ourselves."

"I have received from the Chiefs of the French Republic and particularly from their indomitable Prime Minister, M. Reynaud, the most sacred pledges that whatever happens they will fight to the end, be it bitter or be it glorious—nay, if we fight to the end it can only be glorious."

"Having received His Majesty's Commission I have formed an administration of men and women of every party and almost every point of view."

Cost And Agony

"We have differed and quarrelled in the past, and now one bond unites us all, to wage war until victory is won and never to surrender ourselves to servitude and shame, whatever the cost and agony may be."

"If this is one of the most awe-striking periods in the long history of France and Britain, it is also beyond doubt the most sublime."

"Side by side, unaided except by their kith and kin in the great Dominions and by the wide Empires which rest beneath their shield, side by side the British and French people have advanced to rescue not only Europe but mankind from the foulest and most soul-destroying tyranny that has ever darkened and stained the pages of history."

"Behind them, behind us, behind the armies and fleets of Britain and France, gather a group of shattered

states and bludgeoned races—Czechs, Poles, Norwegians, Danes, Dutch and Belgians—upon all of whom the long night of barbarism will descend, unbroken even by a star of hope, unless we conquer, as conquer we must, as conquer we shall."

Call And Spur

"To-day is Trinity Sunday. Centuries ago words were written to be a call and spur to faithful servants of truth and justice: 'Gird yourselves and be ye men of valour and be in readiness for the conflict, for it is better for us to perish in battle than to look upon the outrage of our nation and altars. As the will of God is in Heaven so let him do.'"—Reuter.

BRITAIN FINDS HER LEADER

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Churchill's broadcast was heard by radio listeners in the United States. His ringing tones had a tonic effect on countless hearers throughout the country; his firm confidence in the French and British forces and his brief incisive description of the battle now raging were a welcome antidote after the columns of depressing news printed throughout the country for the past week.

Observers see as a result of his insistence on the value of assault an early Allied counter-offensive cutting off the "bulge."

They say the speech was not the speech of a leader of a desperate people but a leader of knowledge, vision and action who sees beyond the present dark days.

There is a general expression of opinion that Britain has found her real leader in Mr. Churchill.—Reuter.

STRICTER CONTROL OF INDUSTRY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

REUTER'S PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT STATES MR. CHURCHILL'S DECLARATION THAT CONSIDERATIONS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND IN THE WAY OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY IS BELIEVED IN POLITICAL CIRCLES TO FORESHADOW FAR STRICTER CONTROL BY THE GOVERNMENT OVER INDUSTRY THAN IS EXERCISED NOW.

It is thought likely the State will take control of a large number of privately owned factories producing war equipment in order to intensify production.

It is thought a decision in this connexion is probable soon.—Reuter.

CANADIAN SPEED-UP EXPECTED

Ottawa, To-day.

It is expected that Mr. Churchill's broadcast will result in renewed demands for increased speed in Canada's war effort, criticism of which is becoming widespread. The general public demands immediate acceleration of all training and plane production.—Reuter.

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GREAT OIL DEPOTS IN GERMANY GO UP IN SMOKE

London, To-day.

THE AIR MINISTRY announces that a formation of our bomber aircraft carried out an extensive operation in Belgium and France, with the object of harassing lines of communication of German advance and to relieve pressure on the Allied armies.

Our fighter aircraft, patrolling in their support, accounted for a large number of enemy aircraft of all types.

From preliminary reports received, relating to a part only of our fighter activities, it is known that at least 20 enemy aircraft were shot down.

Harassing operations were continued during the night by heavy bomber formations.

In southern Belgium, bridges were hit, troop concentrations broken up and roads blocked.

Simultaneously other formations of night bombers penetrated into Germany where direct hits were made on oil tanks in Hanover.

At other points, railway junctions and sidings suffered considerable damage.

Continuous Watch

All night a continuous watch was kept on military traffic over a wide area in western Germany and offensive action taken against enemy movements.

Rail and road communications were attacked. At one point a heavy explosion was caused. At another point aerodrome buildings were set on fire.

Hudson aircraft also carried out a successful night operation causing further damage to oil tanks in Hamburg and Bremen.

Two Blenheim aircraft patrolling off the Dutch coast encountered a formation of three Heinkel III's and three Messerschmidt 110's.

They immediately attacked and shot down two Messerschmidts.

Offensive Patrols

In offensive patrols by R.A.F. fighters over France and Belgium, one patrol of five Hurricanes shot down at least three, and probably six, German Heinkel 111's near Brussels.

A second and larger patrol encountered only two enemy aircraft, one of which, a Heinkel 111, is believed to have been shot down.

The area of our raids extended from Hamburg, in the north, to Sedan, in the south, says a later Air Ministry announcement.

300 Bombs Dropped

More than 300 bombs were dropped on oil depots at Bremen, and a direct hit on a large petrol storage tank resulted in a terrific explosion from which vast sheets of flame shot up to a height of nearly 2,000 feet and a pall of smoke like a "huge back mushroom" spread over the town.

The Hamburg oil depots were bombed from 10 p.m. on Friday till dawn on Saturday.

In the course of these attacks the explosion of a salvo of heavy bombs was followed by a terrific gush of flame and an outburst of fire that was visible as far away as Cuxhaven.

Other petroleum depots in the area, some of which were first located by the aid of parachute flares, were attacked with equally evident results.

Spread Rapidly

The fire started with incendiary bombs were seen to spread rapidly and

helped to guide the following aircraft to complete the destruction of the targets.

Vast clouds of acrid black smoke, certain proof of the oil-fed character of the raging fires, were rolling slowly over the area as the last of the raiders left Hamburg.

Other sections of the large bombing force meanwhile were attacking enemy aerodromes and lines of communication over a wide area. Heavy damage was done to road and rail bridges across the Meuse and in occupied areas of Belgium and France.

No casualties were incurred by the British bomber crews and all aircraft engaged in the night's extensive operations returned safely.—Reuter.

Roads Blocked

London, To-day.

Harassing operations were continued during last night by heavy bomber formations. In South Belgium, bridges were hit, troop concentrations broken up and roads blocked.—British Wireless

COMMONS TO MEET TO-MORROW

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Churchill, is expected to make a statement on the latest developments on the western front when the Commons reassembles on Tuesday and it is likely a similar statement will be made in the House of Lords.—Reuter.

INDIA RESTRICTING IMPORTS

Simla, To-day.

The Government is introducing restrictions on certain imports similar to those enforced in other parts of the British Empire in order to conserve Indian currency. The list contains nearly 70 articles, including sugar, raw cotton, motor vehicles, silk piece-goods.—Reuter.

DAY AND NIGHT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

All enterprises working for national defence have been ordered to work continuously day and night. All qualified workers in the aircraft industry are now considered mobilised, that is governed by military discipline.—Havas.

PRAYERS FOR VICTORY AT NOTRE DAME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Solemn prayers were said in Notre Dame Cathedral yesterday for an Allied victory, after which a procession was held. The service was attended by the Premier, Mr. Paul Reynaud.—Havas.

LONDON COUNCIL OF WAR

London, To-day.

Ministers and Defence Chiefs met for nearly an hour and a half at 10, Downing Street yesterday.—Reuter.

KOWLOON DEATH REGISTRY

During 1939 the Kowloon Death Register Office dealt with 20,500 death registrations as compared with 9,855 during the previous year, and 5,813 in 1935.

Due to this expansion and consequent increase in staff, the registry at the Kowloon Mortuary Office, which has been shared with the Medical Officer in charge the mortuary and the Health Officer, New Territories, has become too cramped. In addition it has always been realised that being in the mortuary compound the registry was badly positioned.

A new registry has therefore been fitted out in the recently opened Tsim Sha Tsui Health Centre (old Central British School) and the transfer will take effect as from Saturday, the 1st of June.

It is hoped at a later date to introduce birth registration facilities at this registry in addition to death registration, thus giving Kowloon an up-to-date Birth and Death Registry.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a ridge of moderately high pressure extends from South China across the Loochoos to the Pacific east of the Bonins. A depression is moving eastward across Manchuria.

TURKISH CABINET IN SESSION

Istanbul, To-day.

It is reported from Ankara that President Inönü called a Council of Ministers at the Presidency and had a long conversation with Dr. Saydam, the Prime Minister, and Marshal Tchakmak, Chief of the General Staff, before the latter's departure for Beirut.

It is reported that owing to the international situation the National Assembly has decided to forego its usual summer recess from June to November and will continue meeting as usual.—Reuter.

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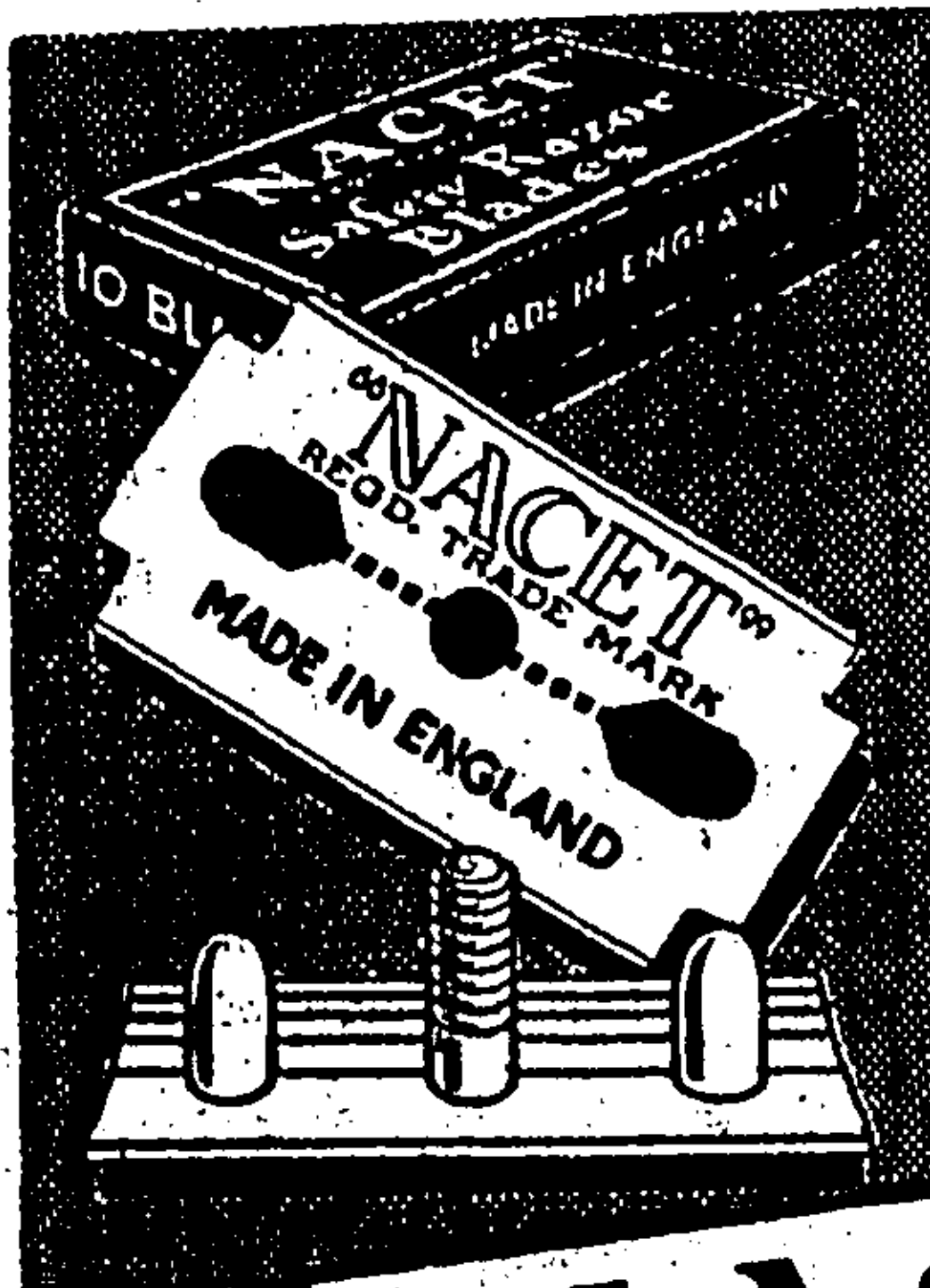
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SUPREME TESTING TIME: WHY HITLER DELAYED SO LONG

London, To-day.

"IT IS THE SUPREME testing time" — that is the consensus of the week-end British newspapers. There is general agreement that, while the situation is crucial because of Germany's years of preparation, the whole Nazi regime is now being tried in the fire. For Hitler, it is now or never, domination or defeat.

It seems impossible that we have a four years' war before us, says the "Spectator." Germany is staking everything on a concentrated assault. We may have to give ground for a time; we have the power to endure, but we need all of it.

Commander Stephen King-Hall, in his weekly newsletter, deals with a question many are asking: Why has Hitler not struck before?

It is known for certain, he writes, that Hitler believed he could make peace after the conquest of Poland. When that failed, he wanted to launch a blitzkrieg in November, but his generals persuaded him to hold his hand.

They hoped that U-boats, aircraft and mines might be successful against Britain's sea communications, and they hoped, by skilful propaganda, to detach France from Britain.

The Choice

By the Spring of 1940, it was evident that these hopes had been in vain, and Hitler had to make up his mind to choose one of two courses:—

To remain on the defensive, in a state of siege;

To launch a general offensive in the hope of winning the war this year.

He has chosen the latter, and chosen badly, says Commander King-Hall. It would have been the correct course in September, 1939. Our minds, resolutions and courage must be of the quality of granite coasts.

High Stakes

The "Economist" says that there is no reason for optimism—because the stakes are too high. But while we are waiting for the great clash that is coming, we can reflect that our position is more favourable than in 1914 and we are ready.

The Catholic weekly "Tablet" looks into the future. We are watching the disappearance of the whole order of Nazi-ism, it says. A Europe restored will be a Europe united and, the dream of centuries — absolute sovereign independence — must yield to something bigger and stronger. The first links are already in existence between Britain and France and they will have to be extended.—Reuter.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCKS IN AMERICA

San Francisco, To-day.

Several towns in south-east California and Arizona were wrecked by earthquake shocks early yesterday and communications have been broken.

Five have been killed and many others injured.

Several houses collapsed at El Centro (Calif.), and damage is reported from other areas.—Reuter.

SHOCKS FELT IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

Severe earthquake shocks were recorded on the seismograph at West Bromwich yesterday.—Reuter.

ITALIAN TREMORS

Rome, To-day.

Earthquake shocks were felt in Italy yesterday. There were no casualties and no damage is reported.—Reuter.

SERIES OF SHOCKS

New York, To-day.

At least five were killed and many injured in an earthquake early yesterday morning in Imperial Valley, southern California. There was a series

GENERAL SIKORSKI'S MESSAGE

Paris, To-day.

In a message to the Polish nation, General Sikorski said that the battle for which they had been waiting was now joined in Belgium and partly on French territory.

The Allied armies are opposing an avalanche of steel and fire, he went on. Behind them are the wealth of their countries and empires.

What struck him more than anything else, however, is the deep sense of patriotism they have.

This is only the first phase of a great battle which would fluctuate one way and the other and it would be as erroneous to exaggerate the significance of a local success as it would that of a provisional retirement.

Just as in 1918, the Germans had found the battle-ground of their defeat.

He added: "We are only in the first phase of a great battle which may have many varying fortunes. It would be dangerous to exaggerate the significance of local success, as to exaggerate the provisional retirement."

"Victory will be, as always, the result of moral and material superiority. These two factors the Allies both possess."

"Thus, calmly, with resolution and steadfast faith, we must await and aid victory in the struggle."—Reuter.

AID FOR THE ALLIES CONTROVERSY

New York, To-day.

A vigorous controversy is arising over the question of giving all possible immediate support to the Allies.

Indicating a big swing-over in opinion, the "New York Times" reports that 50 Republican leaders from the Middle West States told Mr. Taft, the Republican presidential candidate, that if he submitted to a popular vote in their regions a proposal for direct aid to the Allies, short of entry in to the war, it would be passed by a decided majority.

On the other hand, prominent Americans still express strong isolationist views.—Reuter.

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ELCENTRO SHAKEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

San Francisco, To-day.

Many were killed and injured when a violent earthquake shook Elcentro, 20 kilometres from the Mexican frontier.

Telephone and telegraph communication with the city is disrupted and ambulances are being rushed there.—Havas.

German Light Tanks Reach St. Quentin

GREAT BATTLE

STILL RAGING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

NAZI MURDER RAID REVEALED

Paris, To-day.

According to a communique issued by the Dutch Legation here last night at least 100,000 people were killed and one-third of the city destroyed when the Germans bombed Rotterdam.

Two squadrons of German bombers flew over the city in close formation dropping delayed action bombs that "ploughed a veritable furrow of destruction." The bombs, weighing 2,000 lbs, were dropped from a height of 4,500 feet.

After passing over the town once, the planes returned and repeated the operation again and again.

Scenes reminiscent of Dante's Inferno ensued, with fires and explosions everywhere.

Houses and buildings over an area of 15 to 20 square kilometres—one-third of Rotterdam—were completely destroyed, adding to the moderate estimate that at least 100,000 people must have perished in this "monstrous work of destruction, horrifying as a nightmare and absolutely without precedent."—Reuter.

WEYGAND TAKES SUPREME COMMAND

Paris, To-day.

General Maxime Weygand, France's 73-year-old military genius, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Allied armies in all theatres of war.—Reuter.

General Weygand arrived in Paris on Saturday by air from the Near East, where he had been in command of the French armies. He is considered one of the greatest strategists alive.

General Weygand entered the Great War as a lieutenant-colonel, Chief of Staff of the 9th Army, then commanded by General Foch. General Weygand closely co-operated with the future Marshal throughout the war and in 1917, with the rank of Lt.-General, became the French representative on the Allied Supreme War Council.

In 1918 he became Quartermaster-General of the Unified Allied Command. In August, 1920, when Russian troops were at Warsaw's very doors, General Weygand was sent to Poland where he reorganised the

THERE APPEAR TO BE TWO MAIN "ZONES OF FIGHTING" AT THE MOMENT, FROM MONTMEDY TO THE WEST OF LAON AND FROM LAON TO THE NORTH SEA.

In "zone one" the Germans are making great efforts to drive in a westerly direction, but not towards the east. A German attack on Rethel was unsuccessful.

Between Rethel and Sedan, the French have attacked with success, in local actions. It is significant that the Germans here are organising their defences.

West of Laon to the North Sea, operations are very mobile and a battle is in progress.

Fighting has been very fierce between Landreules and Guise, on the Oise/Sambre canal.

South of Guise the Germans have not been attacking so fiercely.—Havas.

Light German Units Reach St. Quentin

Paris, To-day.

The latest news received here shows that the battle between the Sambre and the Meuse continued all day yesterday.

The situation is stated to be confused.

Light German units reached St. Quentin, but the French are carrying out many counter-attacks.

Rumours that the Germans have taken Peronne are denied by the French military authorities.

The War Ministry spokesman adopted the same tone in commentary: "The situation is grave but there is no reason to regard it as catastrophic."

From Basle, it is learned that the French Army Command in Alsace has blown up all canal and railway bridges on the line from St. Louis, the French suburb of Basle to Leopoldshoche, a few miles to the north, finally interrupting railway communication between France and Switzerland via Basle.—Reuter.

Belgian Withdrawal

Paris, To-day.

In the organised withdrawal in northern Belgium, the Allied forces are reported to have destroyed all important military works.

In Zeeland, all military and naval works were destroyed by the Dutch, including those at the important port of Flushing, and also petrol and reservoirs and naval dockyards.

The Dutch contingents have now left Zeeland and are continuing to fight at the side of the Allies.—Reuter.

Armoured Car Attack

Berlin, To-day.

An attack by Allied armoured cars south-west of Brussels on Saturday night was repulsed, according to competent quarters quoted by the official news agency. It is claimed 20 armoured cars were destroyed during the operation and it is stated anti-aircraft artillery was used against the armoured cars.—Reuter.

battle line and stopped the Reds three miles from the Polish capital, throwing them back in a defeat which proved decisive. Seventy-three years old, he has been maintained on active duty despite the fact he has passed the age limit.

PARIS, TO-DAY.

difficult to supply motored units with oil.

Heavy lorries carrying gasoline cannot follow the caterpillar tanks over the rough terrain.—Havas.

French 75's Exact Tremendous Toll

London, To-day.

The news from France indicates that the battle resulting from the Nazi thrust still continues with great intensity and that enemy light motorised detachments reached a point somewhat to the east of St. Quentin during Saturday night.

French 75's have been in continuous action against the German heavy tanks and have exacted a tremendous toll from the advancing enemy forces.

Informed London quarters regard the situation as still serious and consider a correct appreciation of the strategic affects of the German advance will not be possible for some days to come.—British Wireless.

10,000 CHILDREN LEAVE THE EAST COAST

London, To-day.

Ten thousand children were transferred yesterday from East and South coast towns to new reception areas. The children travelled in 16 special through trains and each carried hand luggage and a day's ration.—Reuter.

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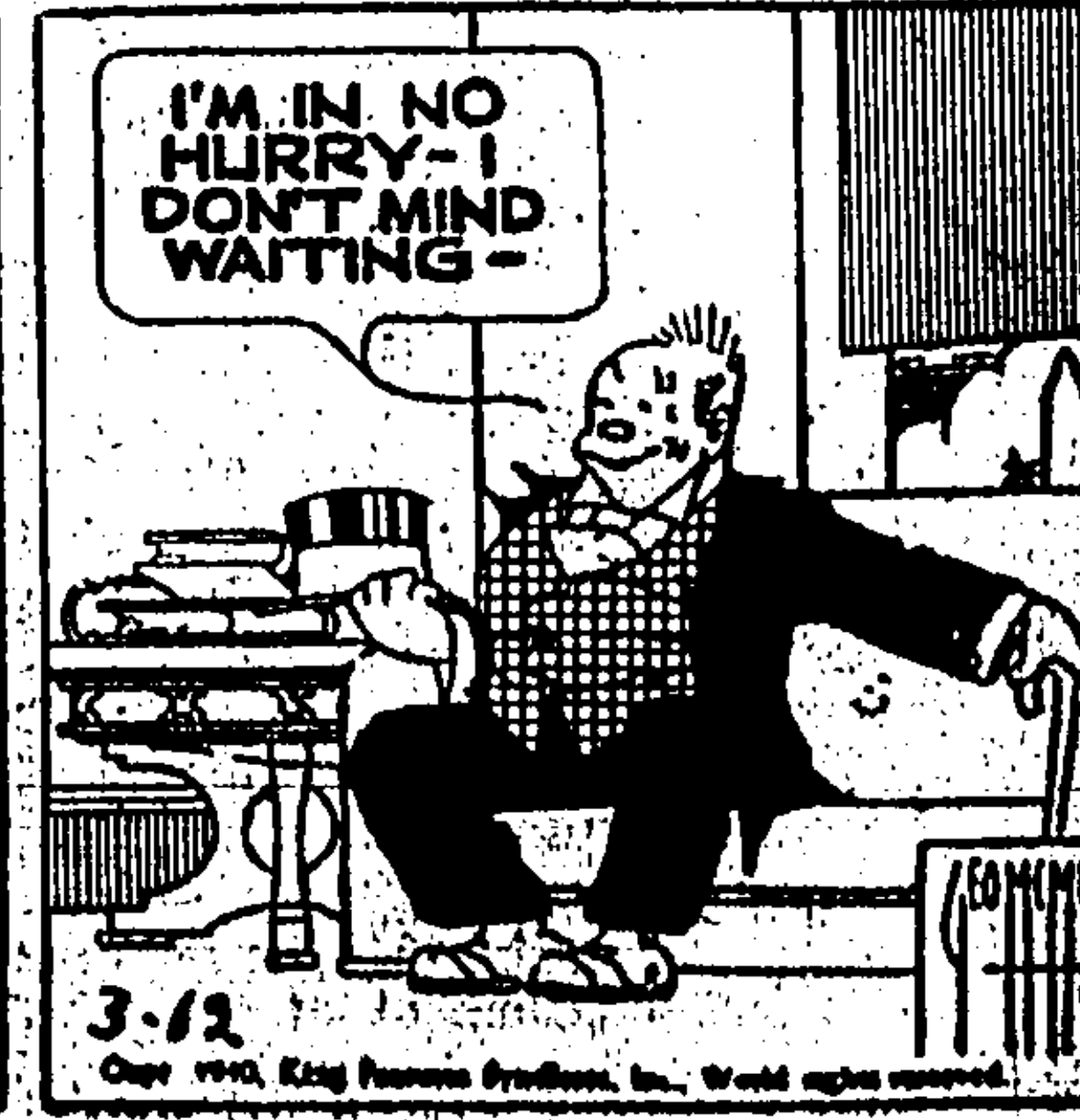
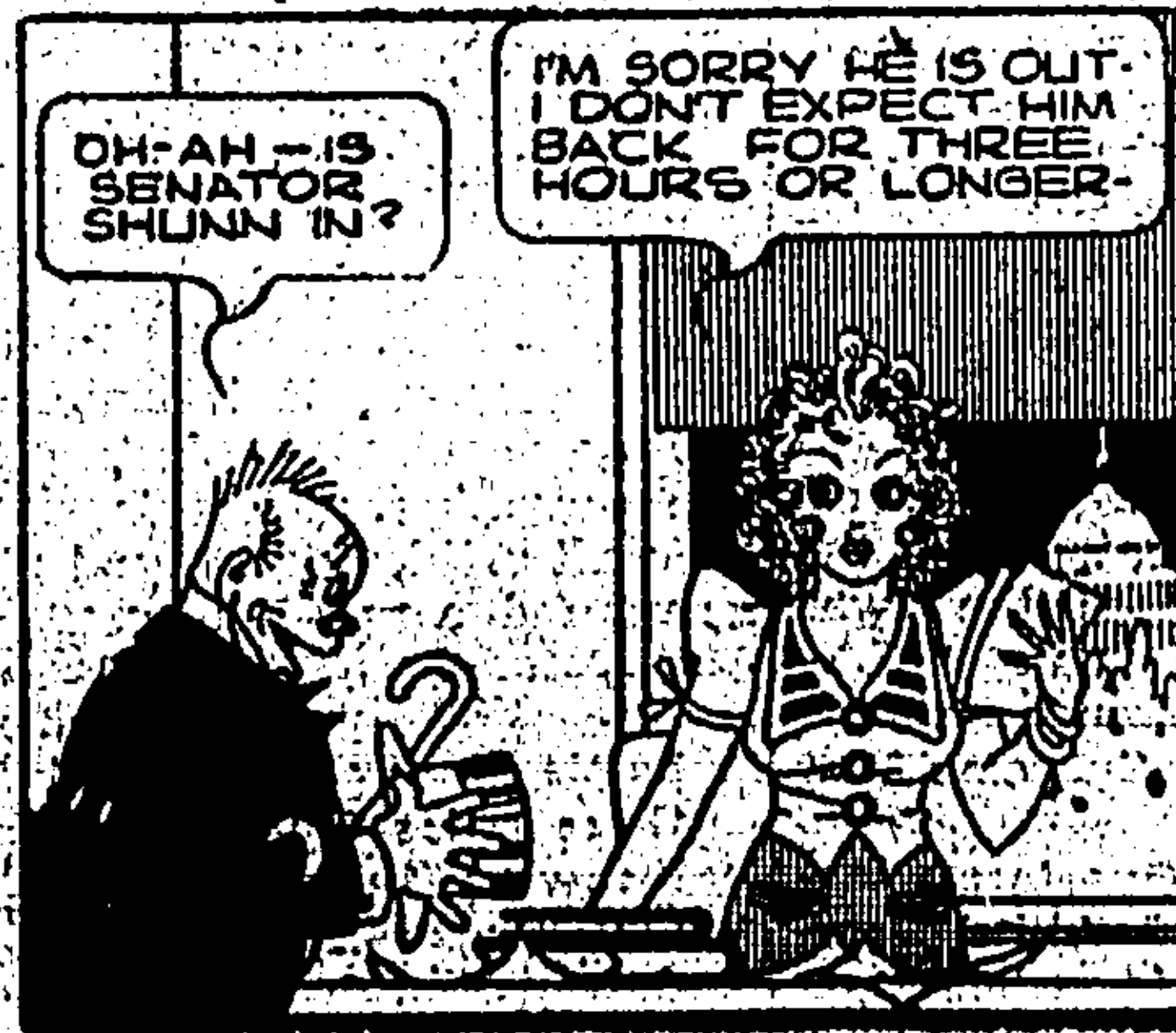


The Nazi prisoners, after the rescue, exercising on the icy decks of the British v
(Below)—Given warm and dry clothes, the prisoners are seen keeping on the m
out the cold.



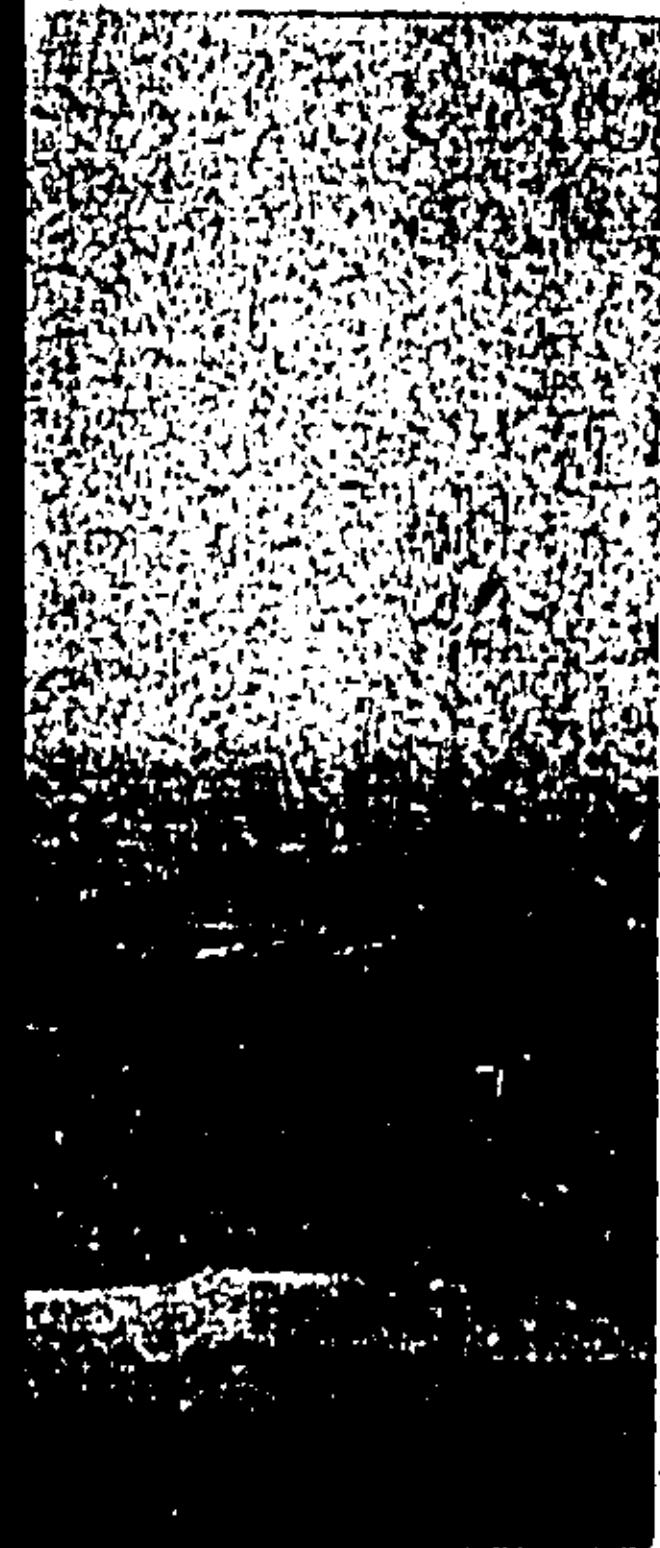
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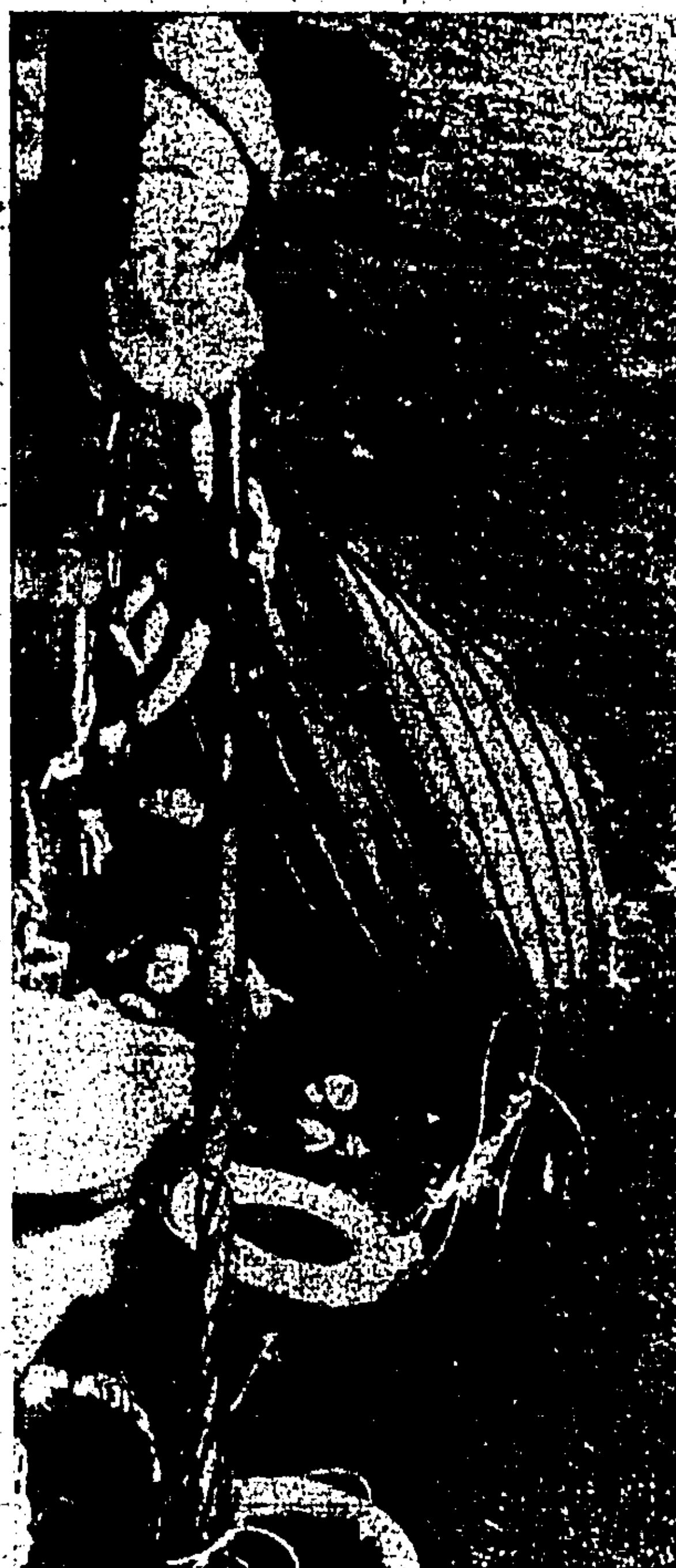
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The crew can be seen jumping into the sea. A remarkable scene after a German boat with a load of survivors had overturned.

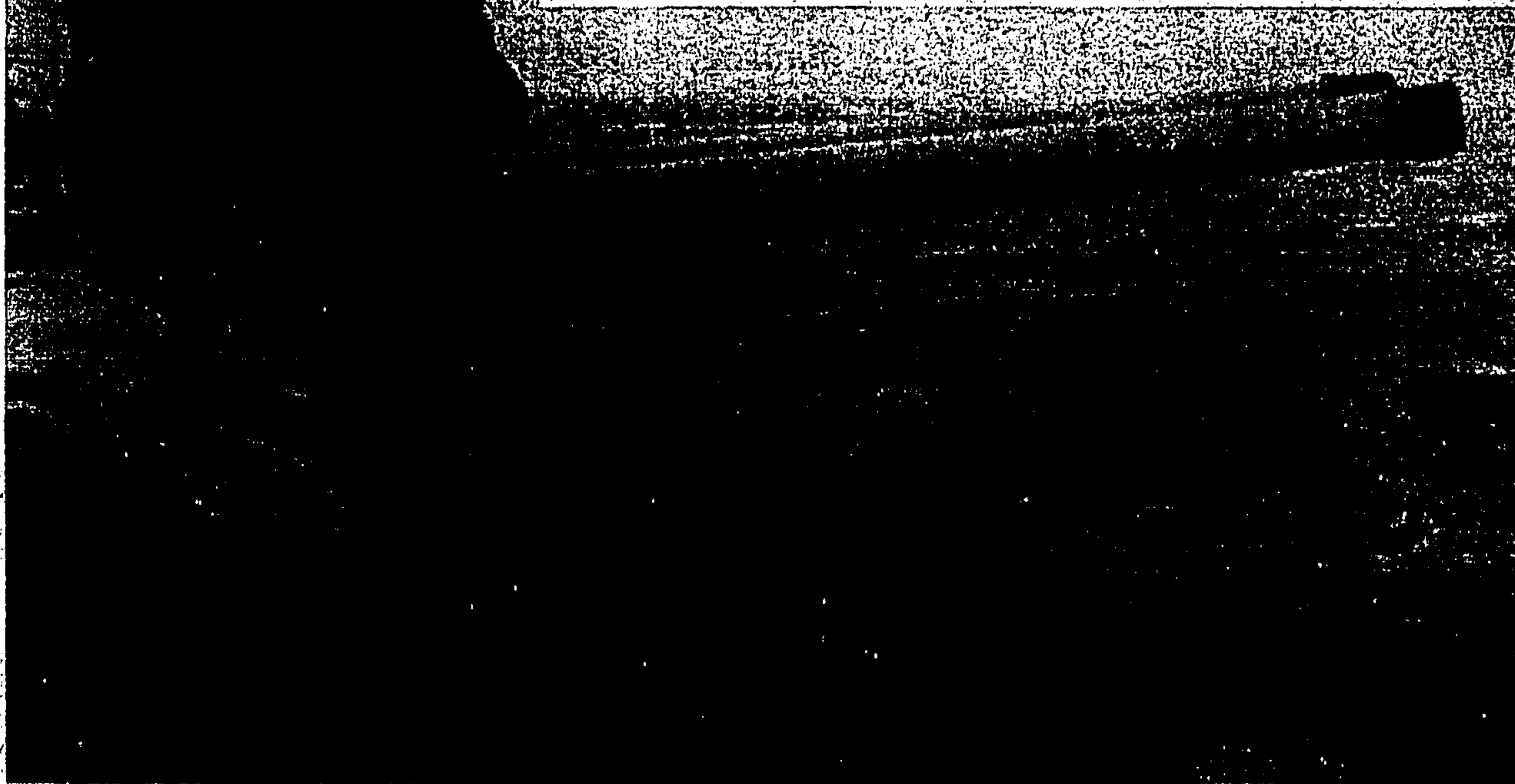


These dramatic pictures, just received, show how the crew of the German merchantman *Arucas*, 3,369 tons, were saved when the vessel was scuttled in northern waters at the approach of a British warship. British seamen jumped into the icy water to rescue some of the Nazi seamen, and it is a great tribute to the British Navy that of the 53 men on board the enemy vessel, 40 were saved. Three others died after having been taken from the water and 10 were missing, presumed to have been drowned. Heavy seas made it impossible to launch a rescue boat and many of the Germans were rescued by means of lifelines and in some cases our men dived overboard to secure lifelines to apparently life-less and half-frozen bodies.



(Above)—Another scene during the rescue.

(Right)—A British bluejacket who dived in to secure a lifeline to an unconscious German being hauled aboard together with the victim.



Here the British warship is manoeuvring to get alongside the overturned boat.

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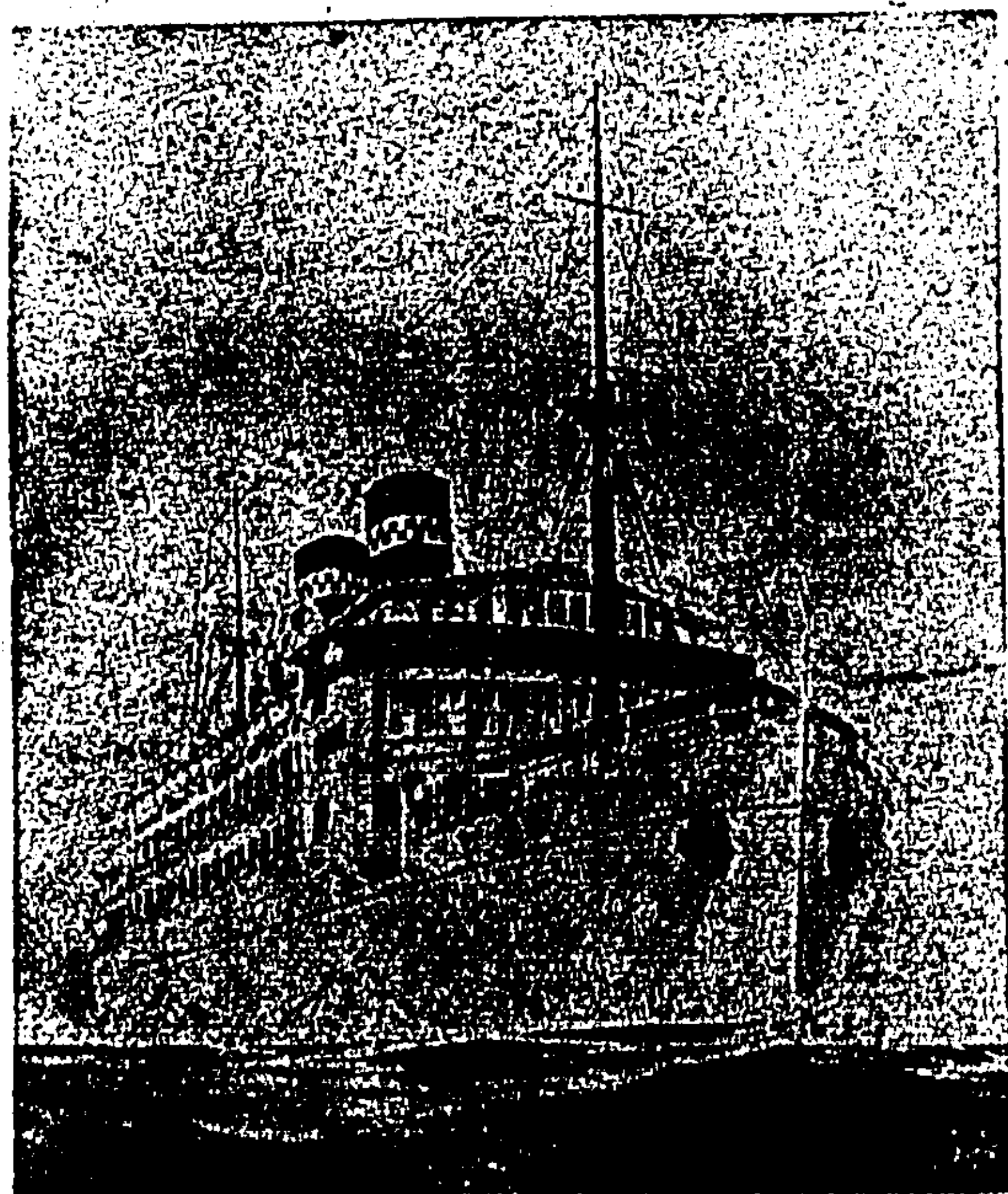
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AIR POWER'S GREAT PART IN THE BULGE BATTLE

London, To-day.

EVERY REPORT OF LAST week's fighting in France and the Lowlands has spoken of the importance of air power on land operations, comments an Air Observer.

No one knows better than the man in the air the aid that can be given to the man on the ground. The Germans have been using their air power to an extent never visualised before, seeking to muffle the troops with bombs, while launching fighters at our bombers.

While it is not certain whether the Nazis Air Force is bigger than the Allied air forces or not, it was able during the week to concentrate many superior forces at the point in the Sedan region where the main battle occurred.

British and French aircraft crews always had superior numbers facing them. Every movement on the ground is linked up with the air force's failures or successes, and it is worth noting that the French air force works as closely with the R.A.F. as the two armies do on the ground.

THE INFERENCES

The complete picture cannot be drawn for some time to come; that is typical of this "hurricane speed" war. But certain inferences can be drawn:—

Day bombing: We have kept up bombings of German troops and positions and communications by day, and this has caused us casualties. We have not had as great a numerical weight as we could wish.

Fighters: The main task of the fighters has been to protect the ground forces from German bombers and to seek the latter out and shoot them down. Profiting by their superior technical quality, our fighters have taken great toll.

Night bombers: This week has given us the first real proof of R.A.F. strength in night bombers, which have bombed bridges, fuel dumps, and so on at night. The selected areas have been a nightly inferno. In comparison, our night bombers carry twice the load the enemy bombers do, and have drop-

ped their missiles in the right place.

ENORMOUS PRESSURE

The pressure on the Allied air forces has been enormous, faced as they were with a gigantic concentration hurled into battle without regard to loss. They have been fighting well, and for every Allied plane brought down, three of the enemy have been similarly treated.

The enemy cannot go on indefinitely like this, even if—as Goering claims—the actual number of their planes is inexhaustible.

They must have trained crews, and even if the number of men is claimed to be inexhaustible, there must still be the spirit to drive the air force. Both sides are tired; who can hold out the longer? Perhaps the spirit of the men will be the deciding factor.—Reuter.

DUNKIRK STORY DENIED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, Yesterday.

A communique issued by the Navy Ministry says there is no truth whatsoever in the German communique yesterday alleging that a destroyer was sunk by German planes in Dunkirk harbour while a cruiser and merchantship were seriously damaged and two other destroyers damaged and one transport so seriously hit that it was run aground. The information is totally groundless.—Havas.

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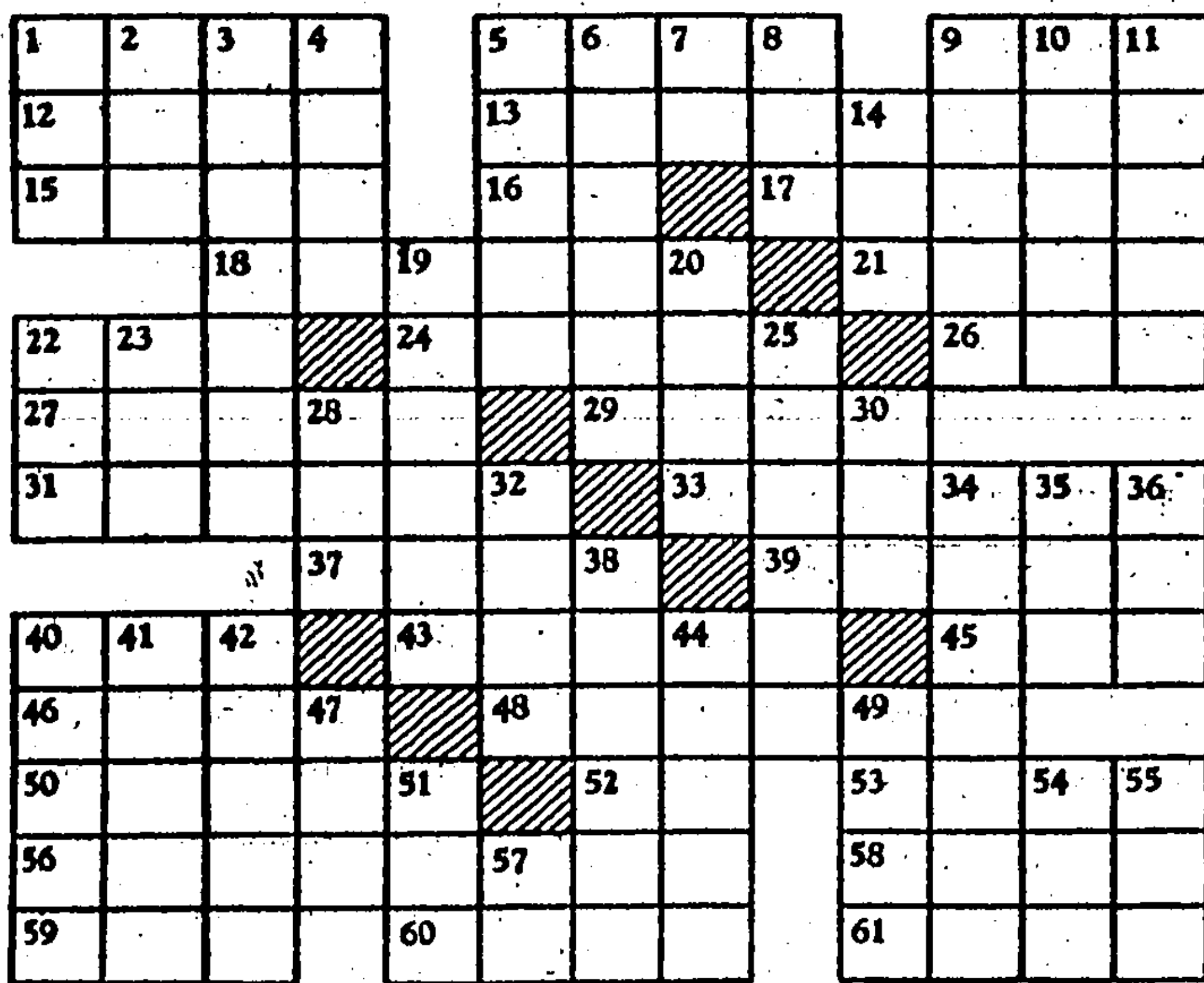
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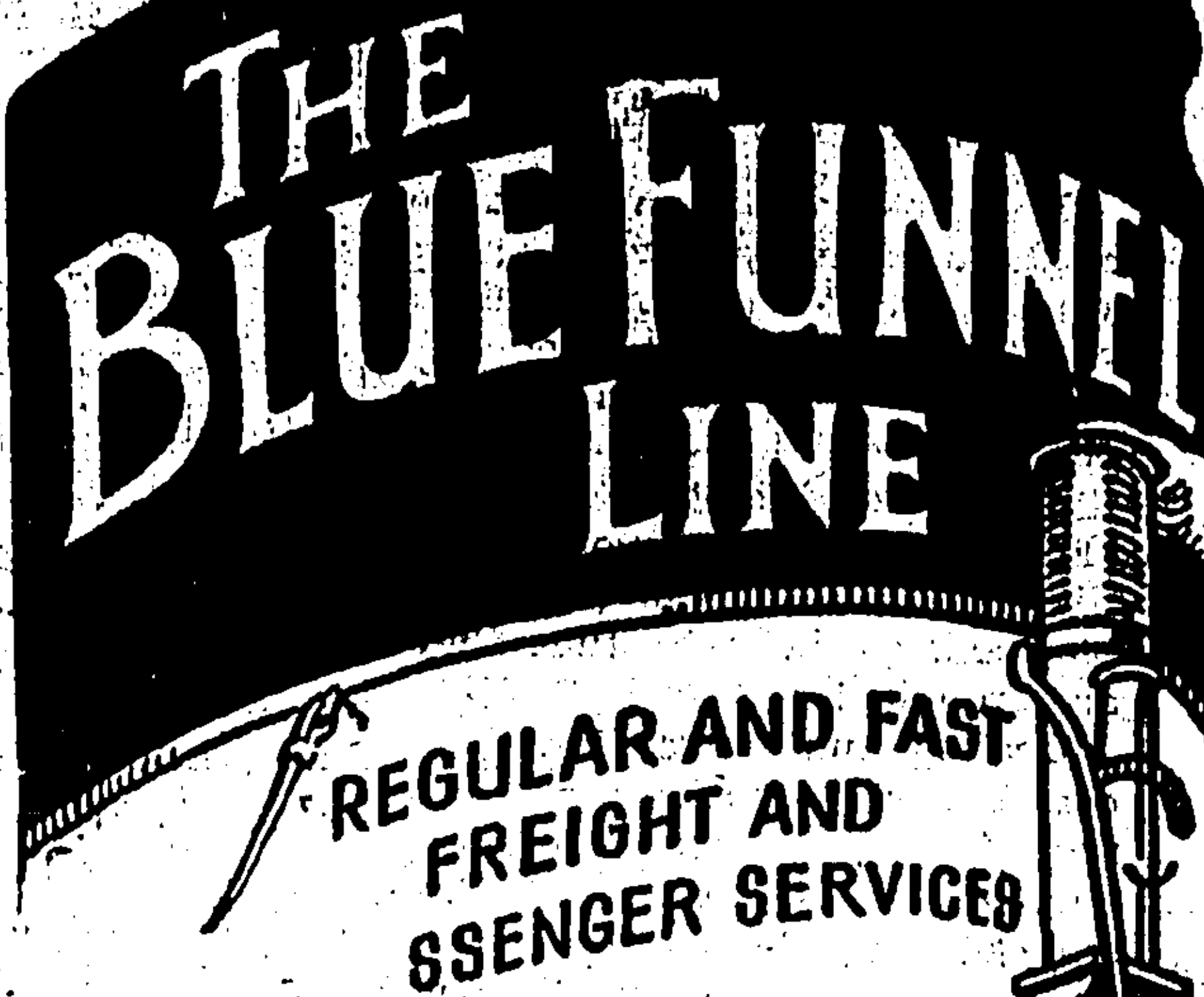
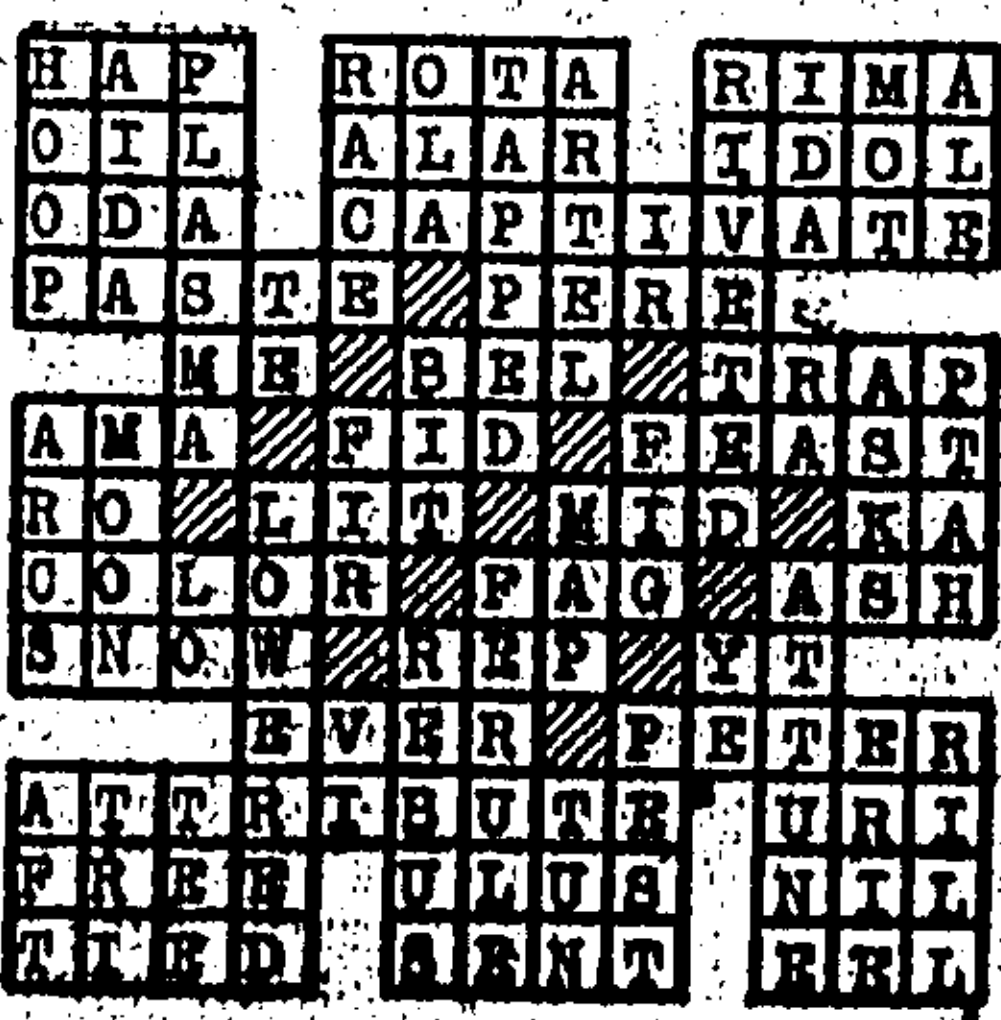
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To fold.
- 5 Fuel
- 9 To bow
- 12 Flat surface
- 13 Trickery
- 15 To sup
- 16 Japanese measure
- 17 Jury
- 18 To make wrathful
- 21 Tidy
- 22 Canine
- 24 In a tilted manner
- 26 Nahoor sheep
- 27 Oil
- 29 Aromatic plant
- 31 Councilor
- 33 Kind of acid
- 37 Girl's name
- 39 Exclamation of approval
- 40 Siamese coin
- 43 Soap plant
- 45 To seize
- 46 Norwegian poet
- 48 Ascended

VERTICAL

- 1 Temporary fashion
- 2 Swiss canton
- 3 Fails to follow suit
- 4 Swedish province
- 5 Gem weight
- 6 Beginning
- 7 Preposition
- 8 Brim
- 9 Baseball teams
- 10 Body of water
- 11 Greek letter
- 14 Cooling instrument
- 19 Novel by Helen Hunt Jackson
- 20 Dash
- 22 To put on
- 23 Palm leaf
- 25 Clans
- 28 Western Indian
- 30 Beetle
- 32 Narrow opening
- 34 Pennants
- 35 Yellow bugle
- 36 Male swan
- 38 Simple
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NANKING PUPPET'S FINANCE PLANS

Chungking, To-day.

THE GROWING NIGHTMARE of Wang Ching-wei's "Finance Minister," Chow Fu-hai, is described by Mr. Tao Hsi-sheng, exposé of Wang's sell-out agreement with Japan, in a signed article just released.

All Chow's financial plans, Mr. Tao said, were founded on the ridiculously childish conception of "borrow money, open bank, and issue notes." His scheme for a "New Central Bank," based entirely on this triple jugglery, was made over a year ago, long before the Nanking puppet regime was inaugurated and he made its financial chief.

Now this grandiose scheme remains on paper, because while Chow is anxious to borrow, the Japanese are not at all disposed, or have not the money, to lend.

Chow's plans, furthermore, complicated the financial problems in the North. In February last, when it was rumoured that Wang Ching-wei's regime would issue notes,

Federal Reserve Notes in North China tumbled to a new low and the tobogganging was checked only by frantic denials of these rumours by the Japanese.

The total amount of Federal Reserve notes issued in the North, according to the "Tokyo Asahi," has now reached \$500,000,000, with their circulation strictly limited to a few larger Japanese occupied cities and towns, as against the total amount of \$300,000,000 of legal tender notes in circulation before the Lukouchiao incident in the whole of North China.

Left to itself, the condition of the Federal Reserve notes would rapidly worsen, but with the added possibility of a new currency to disturb its tottering credit, the situation would at once become intolerable.

Referring to the Hwa Hsin bank notes, Mr. Tao points out that these notes are similar to the customs gold unit, and because of the negative deflationary policy adopted, do not command important influence in the market.

Parity Demand

In Shanghai, the nerve centre of the national finance, the question for Wang Ching-wei's finance juggler is not the issuance of a different kind of paper currency, but how to get new currency accepted by the Chinese and foreign banks, and here Chow Fu-hai is up against a definite impasse.

Wang Ching-wei and Chow Fu-hai have demanded parity with the Japanese yen. But this is mere wishful thinking, nominal parity would be useless, while actual parity would merely bring new pressures to bear and drag the yen down. — Central News.

AUSTRALIANS NOW IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

A contingent of the Second Australian Imperial Force arrived in Palestine yesterday morning at the conclusion of their 10,000-mile journey. — Reuter.



About two hundred wounded and sick soldiers have arrived at a Kent hospital and are now beginning to settle down. Photo shows some of the "casualties" enjoy a sing-song soon after their arrival. (Copyright, Fox).

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

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LAST DAY'S SALES

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Masbates Ps. .07 b.
Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .06¼ sa.
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San Mauricio Ps. .50 b.
Surigao Consol. Ps. .13 b.
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United Paracales Ps. .16½ b.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 27/32.

Silver was quoted at 23-1/2 spot and 23-5/16 forward.

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STOOD ON GD. TO WED

With a sixpenny piece in her left shoe for luck, Miss Eder Alice Hobbs, daughter of a Stockton-on-Tees contractor, married a detective at Arken-garthdale, North Yorks.

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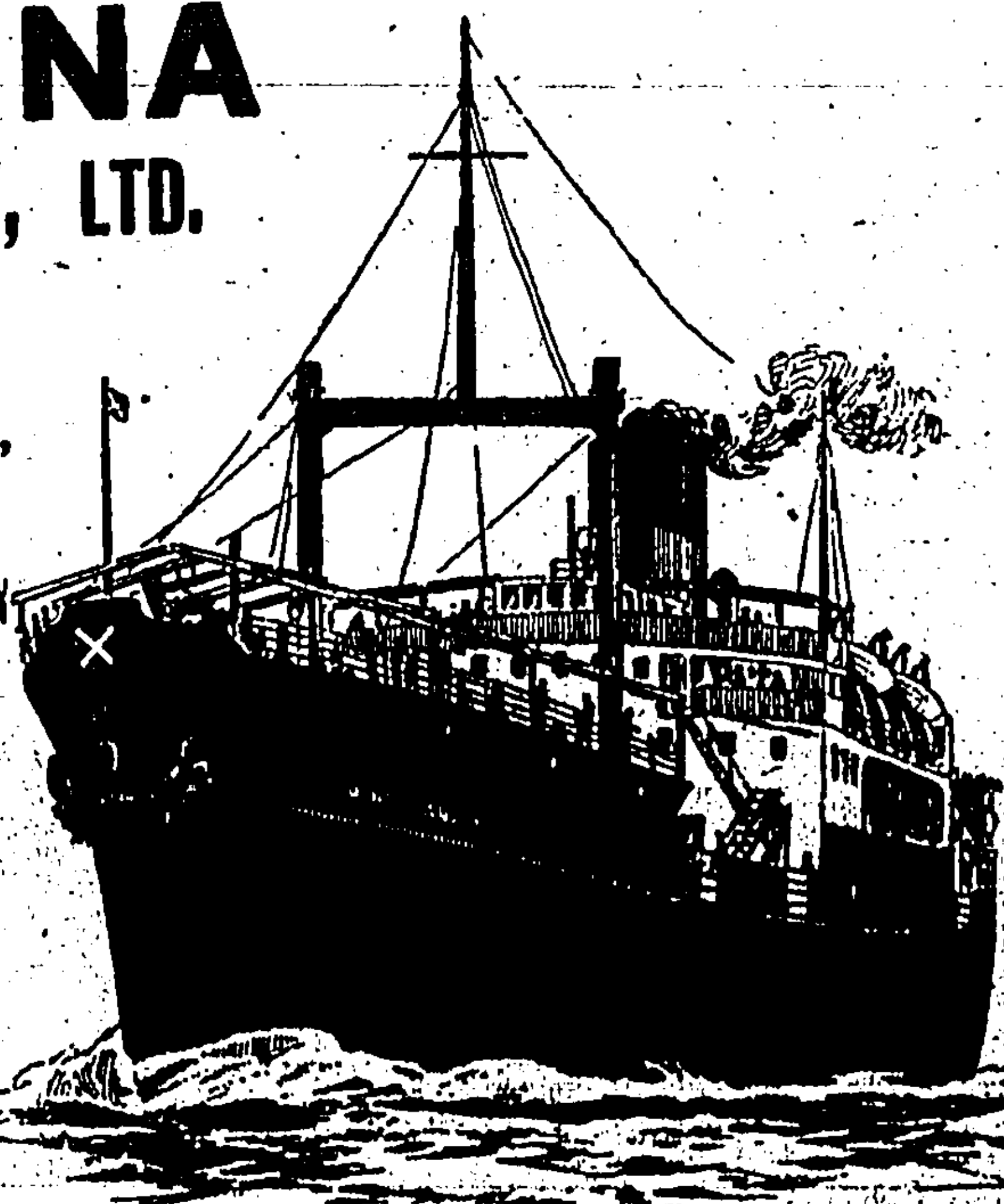
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DELICATE SITUATION IN SHANGHAI

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, Yesterday.

With the increasing threat of Italy entering the war an exceedingly delicate situation has been created locally since Italian troops of the San Marino Regiment are stationed in the International Settlement.

With British troops also in the International Settlement and French troops in the Concession, it is not known what will happen in the event of an Italian declaration of war.

Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Asiatic Fleet, instituted exploratory conversations with the commanders of all European forces in Central China on May 7, according to an announcement released at noon to-day.

Status Quo

All the commanders readily agreed, in so far as their authority extended, to maintain the peaceful status quo in the event of further extension of the hostilities in Europe affecting their nations.

Similar agreements have been extended to the European forces stationed in North China.—Our Own Correspondent.

OCCUPATION OF HOLLAND COMPLETED

London, To-day.

The Germans now announce that the occupation of Holland has been completed. This was generally expected, and Paris reports state that Dutch contingents from Zeeland are now fighting beside the Allied troops in Belgium.

Before they vacated Flushing, the Dutch troops destroyed the petrol tanks there.—Reuter.

PEIPING CAMPAIGN AGAINST BRITAIN

Peiping, To-day.

Virulent attacks on Britain continue to be made by the local Chinese press.

Apparently the order has been given by the Japanese military for a week's campaign against Britain in the newspapers.

The Japanese-controlled central broadcasting station yesterday sponsored an anti-British speech.—Reuter.

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HIGH TRIBUTES TO VALOUR AND SKILL OF THE BELGIANS

London, To-day.

BY CONCENTRATING in a single drive of enormous momentum what many experts estimate to be a very large proportion of their total available strength in tanks, mechanised units and supporting aircraft, the Germans have pushed back the French armies on a limited sector of the western front.

The ground which the Allies had been compelled to give in this area of Northern France is a natural cause of anxiety which has distracted attention from the other aspects of the operations of the last ten days of great significance to the ultimate result of the campaign.

One of these is the admirable efficiency and celerity with which the British forces moved to positions in support of the Belgian armies—positions from which they have subsequently had regretfully to make voluntary retirements, in conformity with the readjustments of the line which strategic considerations made advisable.

Another is the magnitude of the task accomplished by the Belgian Army itself.

British military critics warmly praise the achievement of the Belgian forces in withstanding the furious onslaughts of Germans using new methods of warfare.

They thus succeeded in their first task of preventing a German breakthrough.

They have also foiled the hopes of the German Command of encompassing the rapid destruction of the Belgian forces themselves, for the Belgian Army has withdrawn intact.

This difficult operation, carried out in co-operation with other Allied forces and to conform to the general Allied plan, was made possible by the excellence of staff work and the admirable precision with which movements have been executed.

Their British comrades in arms pay the highest tributes to the undaunted spirits and high morale of the Belgian officers and men—of which a glorious but characteristic example is provided by the garrisons of Liege and Namur Forts.—British Wireless.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF

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F. C. Barry (9) beat A. J. Macfayden (18) 3 and 1.

G. M. Park (6) beat Surg. Commander Nicholson (6) 2 and 1.

R. G. Parker (8) beat E. Tuck (14) 2 up.

S. F. Chubb (15) beat A. H. Penn (12) 2 and 1.

G. T. May (13) w. o. G. W. Sewell scratched.

Major Harvey (8) beat W. T. Ahern (9) at 20th.

H. Smith (8) beat W. W. C. Shewan 7 and 5.

D. Humphreys (7) beat Lieut. Col. E. D. Matthews.

Lieut. Carter (9) beat G. W. Reeve (13) 1 up.

W. S. Hillier (8) beat E. Greenwood.

C. C. Stark (9) beat J. W. Macdonald (7) 5 and 4.

T. J. Price (9) beat N. J. Bebbington (21) 3 and 1.

J. S. Robertson (5) beat M. A. Cairns (18).

CITRINE MESSAGE TO FINLAND

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A MESSAGE TO FINLAND FROM SIR WALTER CITRINE, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS, WAS BROADCAST IN A FINNISH NEWS BULLETIN BY THE B.B.C. LAST EVENING ON THE OCCASION OF THE NEW FINNISH NATIONAL FESTIVAL—THE DAY OF HEROES.

Sir Walter Citrine, who led the British Labour delegation to Finland during the Russo-Finnish War said the Finnish people's fortitude and courage in the dark days when they faced the aggressor would remain with him as an unforgettable memory.

"Since you made your brave stand against a mighty foe other small nations have been overwhelmed but your struggle and theirs is ours too, and your example is our strongest inspiration."

To-day the united strength of the Allied democratic nations has been mobilised and our army, navy and air forces are at this hour engaged in a gigantic battle to stem the advance of the aggressor Power.

We are gathering all our resources to bring to a standstill the deadly attack of Nazi mechanised forces and to continue the war with our utmost strength until that power is overthrown and until the nations it has ravaged are once more free.—British Wireless.

BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY GOING TO LE HAVRE

Paris, To-day.

It is reported from Le Havre that the Belgian Royal Family will shortly arrive in Sainte Adresse, a suburb of Le Havre which was officially the Belgian capital during the greater part of the last war.—Reuter.

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7.05 p.m.—Variety with Frank Crumit, Hildegard and Sydney Torch.
Vocal—There's No One With Endurance (Crumit, Curdis).
Whoa, Josephine (Crumit, Burt).
Frank Crumit with Orchestra.
Organ—In The Still Of The Night (film "Rosalie").
You're A Sweetheart (from the film).
Sydney Torch.
Vocal—Yours and Mine (film "Broadway Melody of 1938").
I'm Feelin' Like A Million (film "Broadway Melody of 1938").
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8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
8.03 p.m.—This week's programmes.
8.07 p.m.—Music of Coleridge-Taylor.
Unmindful of the Roses... Arthur Reckless (Baritone) with Orchestra.
Spring Had Come ("Hiawatha")... Elsie Suddaby (Soprano) with Orchestra.
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Life and Death... Peter Dawson (Bass-

Baritone) with Orchestra.
8.30 p.m.—A Dance Programme.
Fox-Trots—The Martins and the Crows.
When A Lady Meets a Gentleman Down South... Ted Weems & His Orchestra.
Blues—The Scene Changes; Quickstep—Got To Dance My Way To Heaven (film "It's love again")... Joe Loss & His Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—There's Something In The Wind; The Old Oaken Bucket... Riley Farley & Their Onyx Club Boys.
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Slow Fox-Trot—Rouge Et Noir; Fox-Trot Intermezzo—Will O' The Wisp... Otto Dobrindt & His Piano Symphonists.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"I Believe In Democracy"; A talk by Dr. A. D. Lindsay.
9.45 p.m.—Selected Piano Solos.
Valse Nobles, Op. 77, Nos. 1-12 (Schubert)... Lili Kraus.
Minuet and Trio (from Fantasia Sonata in G Major, Op. 78—Schubert); Prelude in C Sharp Minor, Op. 3, No. 2 (Rachmaninoff)... Arthur Rubinstein.
10.02 p.m.—Two Songs by Georges Thill (Tenor).
"Werther"—O Nature, Full of Grace (Massenet); "The Damnation of Faust"—O Vast Nature (Berlioz)... Sung in French with Orchestra.
10.10 p.m.—Berlioz—Symphonie Fantastique, Op. 14. Orchestre De La Scolette Des Concerts Du Conservatoire cond. by Bruno Walter.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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ONE CRUCIAL PLAY

To-day's hand, taken from a Duplicate game, illustrates the vast difference in defensive play between the expert and the average player. At most tables the final contract was three notrump, the opening lead being the fourth-best club by West. It was the second lead by West that was crucial and spelled the difference between success and defeat.

Duplicate Bridge
North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 6 5
♥ Q J 10
♦ K Q J 7 4 3 2
♣ A

♠ Q 3
♥ A 8 7 2
♦ 10 9
♣ J 10 7 6

♠ A K 8 2
♥ 9 4 8
♦ 8 6 5
♣ K 8 4

♠ J 10 9 7 4
♥ K 8 5
♦ A
♣ Q 9 8 3

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

At all tables East gave a come-on signal with the eight of clubs. South played a low diamond to his singleton Ace and led the five of hearts, and West promptly went up with the Ace of hearts and played a second club. But here is where the difference came in: The average players led the five of clubs. East won with the King and now laid down the Ace and King of spades, dropping his partner's Queen, whereupon the contract was made.

The experts, however, played the Jack of clubs, thereby denying the Queen. Now in each instance when East won with the King, he realised the only hope of beating the contract lay in making three spade tricks, and accordingly underled his Ace-King of that suit. West won with the Queen and returned the three-pot, whereupon the contract was set.

Saturday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner. Both sides were vulnerable and you held:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ x
♦ x x
♣ A x x x

The bidding:

You	Maier	Burnstone	Jacoby
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Your correct rebid is three spades. In spite of your fine club support, you wish to suggest playing the hand in spades, where ten tricks give you game, rather than in clubs, where eleven tricks are necessary. Score 100% for three spades, 60% for four clubs, 40% for four spades (your spades are not solid after all). QUESTION NO. 414.

You are Oswald Jacoby's partner, and again you hold:

♠ A K Q x x x
♥ x
♦ x x
♣ A x x x

The bidding:

You	Maier	Jacoby	Schenken
1♠	Pass	2♣	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
(?)			

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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JAPANESE CENSUS IN OCTOBER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, Yesterday.

A national census will be taken throughout Japan beginning on October 1, according to the National Census Law, which requires such statistics to be compiled every ten years.

It will tabulate many statistics not covered in previous censuses which were largely confined to a mere count of population. The number of people residing in the country, their occupations and the nature of their business are among the subjects to be covered.

The coming census will also cover Japanese living in areas in China occupied by the Japanese forces. Special attention will be devoted to the occupational capacity of people in which the Welfare Ministry is vitally interested in connection with its investigations into the changes in various occupations since the China



If the world could always be viewed as it is through the eyes of young lovers it would be a rosy spot.

war. It is expected the new census system will reveal conditions and important data which will enable Japan to perfect the national organisation for the mobilisation of all resources. — Havas.



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Opening Senior League Tennis Ties

FORMER CANTON CHAMPION TO MAKE HIS DEBUT

By "ADREM"

AS UNIVERSITY are unable to raise a team to play the champions, Chinese Recreation Club, there will be only two matches in "A" Division of the Tennis League this afternoon, weather permitting.

Most interesting will be the fixture at King's Park between South China and Club de Recreio. There were some doubts as to whether the South China courts, recently returned, would have been in condition for match-play by this afternoon, but Albert Chan, their skipper, told me on Saturday that he hoped that they could be put in shape.

South China, who a few weeks ago had great hopes for their senior team, have already had a setback as Tennis Kwok, on whom they were relying to play in at least half their fixtures, left rather earlier than was expected for Shanghai.

WONG IN TEAM

Wong Fuk-nam has consequently been brought into the side and, with his wealth of experience of League play, should not weaken the team unduly. With Szeto Bick-as his partner, there is no reason why he should not take a couple of sets this afternoon.

First string South China pair will be Lui Kwai-fan and former Canton champion, C. K. Chan.

Much is expected of Chan, who, in a few local appearances, has already made quite a name for himself.

He should receive all the support he requires from Lui and I shall not be surprised if this pair win all three sets.

Albert Chan and J. Hsu will again be pairing off and, if on form, should do well. They are both apt to be afflicted by off days, however, when they can at best be described as mediocre. They should nevertheless manage to win one set.

Recreio have two good pairs and one rather erratic one. Their first couple are John Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios, who reached the semi-final of the Colony doubles event recently. On form they play an aggressive type of game calculated to upset the usual safety-first methods so prevalent in local League tennis.

A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios should also do well. The former is a polished player with adequate stroke equipment, while Remedios' best

strokes are his service, a powerful forehand drive, and an incisive volley.

VALUE OF EXPERIENCE

H. A. Barros and C. Barretto, with many years of League tennis behind them, must now be considered in the veteran stage but for that reason if for no other, it is possible that they will upset the calculations of some opposing pair with more youth and hopefulness than subtlety.

I expect South China to win this match by a narrow margin.

Also close should be the match at Cox's Road between K.C.C. and H.K.C.C. With E. F. Fincher back from leave after missing one season, Kowloon will be relying on his partnership with brother Teddy to bring three sets. Teddy is playing as well as ever at the doubles game and Ernie has had quite a lot of practice so I feel confident that their supporters will not be disappointed.

A. E. P. Guest is indisposed and will be unable to turn out and neither of the other K.C.C. pairs look to be very powerful, although they might be able to raise three sets between them.

SINGLES PLAYERS

On Lolly Goldman and Alec Pearce, who did fairly well in the Colony tournament some years ago, the success or failure of Cricket Club will probably depend. Three sets from this pair might give the Island team victory. Whilst not doubting their capabilities as singles players, however, I don't rate either Pagh or MacDougall very high as doubles players and I shall be surprised if they do very much to-day.

Monaghan and Gould, on the other hand, combine very nicely and might surprise the weaker home pairs.

K.C.C. should win by about 5 sets to 4.

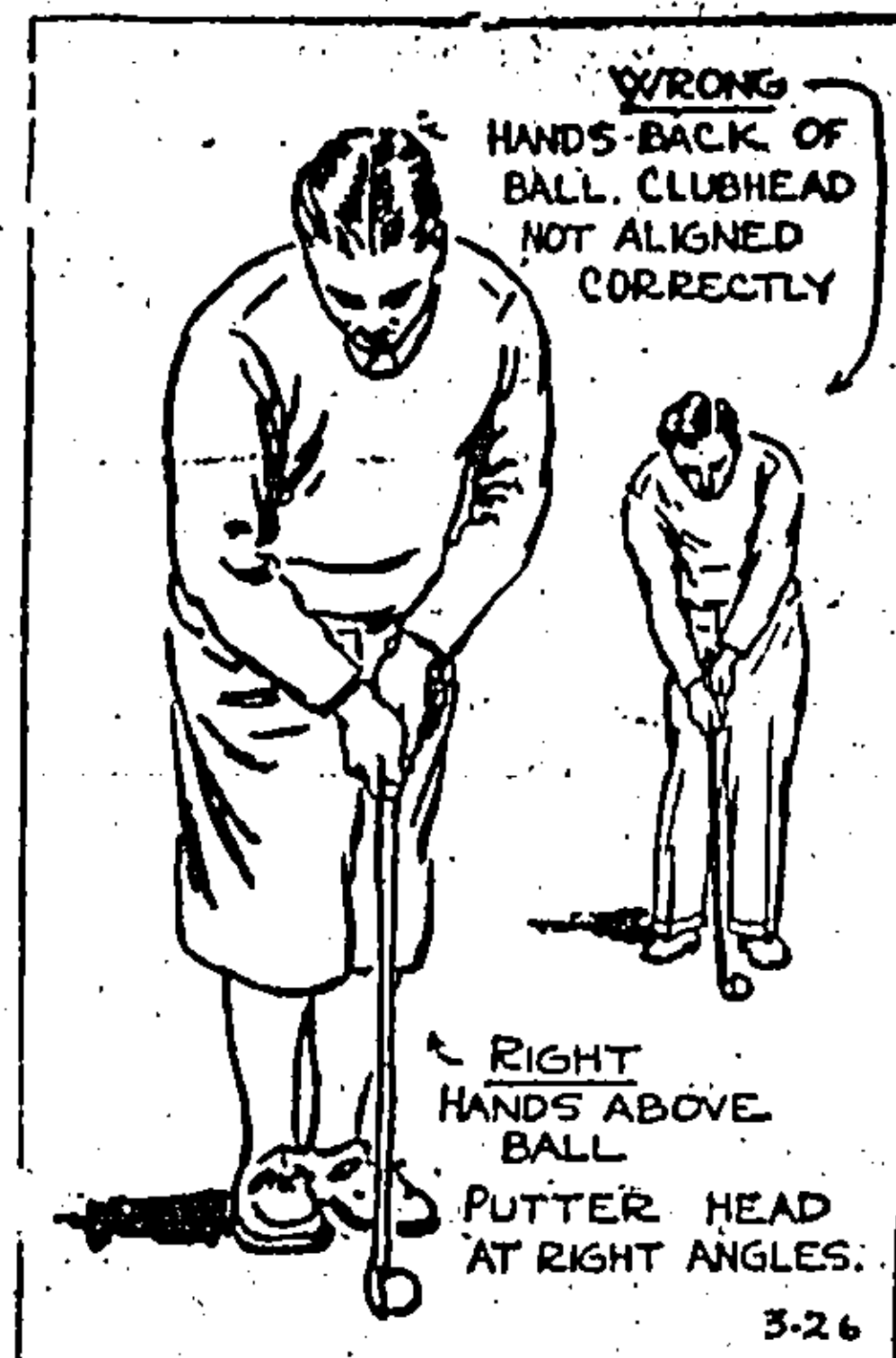
PROGRAMME

South China v Recreio
Kowloon C.C. v Hong Kong C.C.

TEAMS

South China—A. Chan and J. Hsu; Lui Kwai-fan and C. K. Chan; Szeto Bick and Wong Fuk-nam.
Recreio—J. B. Gonsalves and A. V. Remedios; A. V. Gosano and J. J. Remedios; H. A. Barros and C. A. Barretto.
K.C.C.—E. C. Fincher and E. F. Fincher; G. C. Burnett and A. Crawford; S. A. Gray and D. J. N. Anderson or F. Grose.
H.K.C.C.—L. Goldman and T. A. Pearce; M. Pagh and D. M. MacDougall; T. J. Gould and T. C. Monaghan.

GRAPHIC GOLF



PUTTER ALIGNMENT BY BEST BALL

In putting little details are often overlooked which play a big part in accuracy. One of these is accurate alignment of the clubhead and the ball. Naturally this squaring up only counts at impact but to gain this accuracy, certain fundamentals must be observed. For example at address the clubhead should be at right angles to the ball, the shaft directly overhead or a little in front of it. From such a position the ball will be hit squarely by the clubface and dispatched accurately on its way. With the putter head travelling close to the ground, it can be taken straight back from the ball and brought forward to it in the same manner, impelling the ball along the straight path to the cup.

With the hands back of the ball, the club shaft inclining backward from it, the chances for error are numerous. The path of the clubhead back may be outside the line of play and brought forward to the ball along this same path, sending the ball to the left of the objective. Added to this hazard is the additional one of having the putter head turned either in or out as it contacts the ball.

Next Article.—Let Weight Flow Through.

MINDANAO BEAT TULSA

In a duck pin match at the Bowling Alleys on Saturday, U.S.S. Mindanao beat U.S.S. Tulsa by 107. Cpl. Blount and Sgm. Wilkins of Royal Signals deputised for J. T. Sheehan and D. M. Keplinger of the Mindanao.

U.S.S. MINDANAO

H. Blount	122	114	131	367
J. W. Davis	95	112	89	296
E. L. Emerson	101	85	82	268
A. R. Wilkins	80	88	89	257
R. E. Skiver	87	90	77	254
Total				1,442

U.S.S. TULSA

M. J. Green	105	87	101	293
C. T. Christiansen	84	85	89	258
J. A. Vasko	97	85	84	266
W. F. Barney	80	82	88	250
W. H. Hofman	87	79	82	248
Total				1,335

The charity football game between the Eastern and the Combined Services, which was to have played on the Navy Recreation Club ground yesterday afternoon, was cancelled.

U.S. TO HAVE OLYMPIC TEAM

New York—(By Airmail)—The United States will have an Olympic team this year, according to a decision reached recently by the American Olympic committee, which passed a resolution authorising the various games committees under its jurisdiction to hold tryouts or otherwise select teams.

At the same time the A.O.C. announced that it had two concrete bids for the tryouts, one from New York and the other from Los Angeles.

The New York offer did NOT offer any financial aid. Los Angeles, on the other hand, laid \$15,000 on the line and asked for the men's track and field, men's and women's swimming and boxing.

If the various committees involved decide to accept the West Coast bid, it is solely up to them, all profits of the tryouts will be divided evenly between the American Olympic Committee and the South California authorities.

Avery Brundage, chairman of the American Olympic Committee, emphasised that all Olympic team members, whether they gain places through tryouts or are merely "named," must meet Olympic specifications, or in other words, match eighth place performances of the 1936 games. All members of the 1940 Olympic squad will receive diplomas and medals just as if the games were scheduled to be held.—Havas.

LONDON COUNTIES BEAT NORTHANTS

London, To-day.—In a two-day match at Northampton, London Counties beat Northamptonshire in a friendly cricket match by 123 runs. London Counties—365 for 6 dec. (F. S. Lee 90) and 181 for 1 dec. (Fagg 100 not out). Northants—280 for 4 dec. (A. W. Snowden 100) and 138 (Wellard 5 for 47).—Reuter.



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LAWN BOWLS

ONLY two Lawn Bowls League matches on Saturday were postponed on account of rain, they being Civil Service v Kowloon Cricket Club in First Division, and Taikoo v Civil Service in Second Division.

A thin drizzle, while it made playing conditions uncomfortable, never persisted for very long periods and other games were not unduly interrupted.

It was anticipated that the senior champions, Club de Recreio, would have to be at the best to maintain their unbeaten record against Kowloon Bowling Green Club, and so it transpired, only three shots separating the two teams at the end of the day.

The finish could not have been more thrilling. With the rinks skipped by Holland and Hall finished, and Sheriff, with three heads to go, the chal-

lengers were two shots up. Gallant play by the Recreio rink saw the deficit wiped off and Recreio just win.

Other games went as expected with the exception of Cricket Club's win over K.F.C. in Third Division. Craigengower, following their initial defeat at the hands of Recreio, have now settled down into a match-winning combination, and, following a big win over H.K.F.C. the week before, they shattered the unbeaten record of Recreio "B" to leave Recreio "A" the only unbeaten senior team. Craigengower won on all three rinks, their newest skip, Charlie Rosselet, again doing well.

Individual honours went to A. R. Minu, who notched a seven on the last head against J. Kempton, and Charlie Rosselet, who also secured a seven, against J. J. Basto.

Sammy Tsang bringing off a spectacular save during the Interport game. Guy and Hau Yung-sang are also to be seen in the picture.



Sixes were scored by A. J. Hall and R. Basa (First Division), W. Harrower and P. Younghusband (Second Division), and W. J. Bagley (Third Div.)

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The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be CLOSED from the 8th May to the 22nd May, 1940, both days inclusive.

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The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, 30th May, 1940, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

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Hong Kong, 16th April, 1940.

SPECIAL BATTALION IN S.A.

LONDON, YESTERDAY.
IT IS UNDERSTOOD THE SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE DEPARTMENT IS CONSIDERING THE FORMATION OF A BATTALION OF HOLLANDERS — RESIDENTS IN THE UNION WHO HAVE BEEN IN HOLLAND — TO SERVE WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES.

It is hoped to create a unit of between 600 and 800 hundred men. In Capetown alone there 200 Hollanders anxious to serve.

The German invasion of the Low Countries and the news that certain South African units are to be mobilised have given a vigorous impetus to recruiting in South Africa.

Capetown and Johannesburg are experiencing the most enthusiastic response to the call since the war began, there being an endless stream of recruits at the latter place. Durban has established new recruiting records — British Wireless.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS**NOTICE**

The working hours of the Sewing Centre for the British War Organisation Fund at Government House will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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AUSTRALIAN COMMANDER

London, Yesterday.

The second contingent of the Australian Imperial Force, now disembarking in Egypt, is under the command of Major-General I. G. Mackay, D.S.O., V.D., who won high distinction during the last war at Gallipoli and in France, and who has been G.O.C. 2nd Division, Commonwealth Military Forces, since 1937.—Reuter.

WANG'S NEW CHIEF IN SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, Yesterday.

It is reported that Chow Chueh, director of the foreign affairs bureau of the North China political council, has been appointed director of the Shanghai office of the Nanking "government" in order to handle official business between Nanking and Shanghai. Chow has tendered his resignation as director of the foreign affairs bureau.—Havas.

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"The greatness of our people is that in circumstances such as the present we forget our own sufferings and think only of the country's perils.

"I told you yesterday the enemy had carved a large pocket south of the Meuse and since then the pocket has been enlarged westward.

"The Government's duty is to act. The whole French nation must be pervaded by the war spirit. Every deficiency will immediately be punished."—Havas.

NO DIVERGENCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
Authoritative quarters categorically deny German propaganda assertions that divergences in view regarding the conduct of the present operations exist between the French and British High Commands.—Havas.

WILL GALVANISE FRENCH

Paris, To-day.

The appointment of General Weygands as Allied Commander-in-Chief is expected to galvanise the energies of the French nation.

M. Reynaud in swift succession has called to the aid of the home front M. Mandel, who was the right hand man of "Tiger" Clemenceau in the Great war, and General Weygand, the right hand man of Marshal Foch.

General Weygand's prestige has remained undiminished and the nation sees in the changes final proof of the Government's ferocious determination to fight with cool intelligence and relentless energy.

General Weygand is known as "the man who has never been beaten." It is declared he loves danger which lends him genius.—Reuter.

ACTIVITY IN PARIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

M. Reynaud, who has now taken up his quarters at the War Ministry, last night received France's leading generals.

He also received a visit from the British Ambassador.

The United States Ambassador called on M. Daladier at the Quai D'Orsay. —Havas.



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London, To-day.

A British General Headquarters communique says the British front was held on Sunday successfully in face of enemy pressure.—Reuter.

GERMANS BOMBING OSTEND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Ostend, To-day.

Following several bombings of the city of Ostend, the Belgian Government has decided to evacuate and has requested French consent to its installation at Sainte Adresse, near Le Havre, where the Belgian Government resided during the last war. The French and British Embassies left Ostend at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.—Havas.

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